

# A Large LAr TPC Detector for the NuMI off-axis beam

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- ❖ Next challenges in neutrino physics call for larger and specialized detectors
  - beam optimization is a key element of the experiment
  - a large step in the size of the detector is required
    - ... not every detector technology of the past has large scaling capability
- ❖ Liquid Argon TPC's
  - the ICARUS experience
  - concepts for a large LAr TPC for NuMI
- ❖ R&D plan towards large LAr TPCs
- ❖ Conclusions

# The present picture of neutrino oscillations

For 3  $\nu$ 's:

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu 1} & U_{\mu 2} & U_{\mu 3} \\ U_{\tau 1} & U_{\tau 2} & U_{\tau 3} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{i\delta} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Atm.  $\nu$       Reactor, accel.      solar

Where  $c_{ij} = \cos \theta_{ij}$ ,  $s_{ij} = \sin \theta_{ij}$ ,  
 $\delta$  = CP viol. phase

Our supposed knowledge

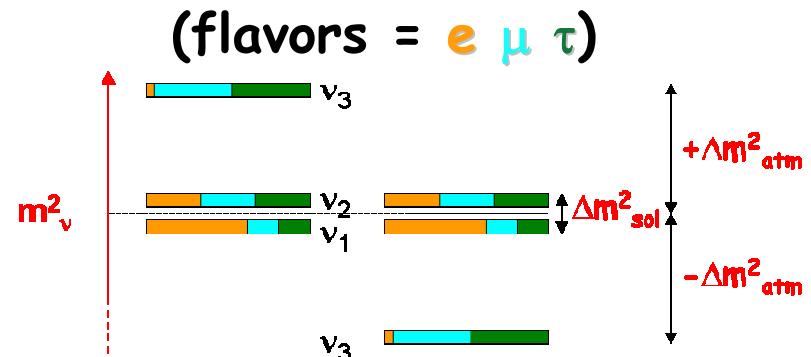
$$\Delta m_{12}^2 = \Delta m_{\text{sol}}^2 = 8.0_{-0.4}^{+0.6} \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2, \quad \tan^2 \theta_{12} = 0.45_{-0.07}^{+0.09}$$

$$\Delta m_{23}^2 = \Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2 \approx 1.5 - 3.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2, \quad \sin^2 2\theta_{23} > 0.92$$

$$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} < 0.14 \quad @ \quad \Delta m^2 = 2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$$

Our known ignorance

$\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ ,  $\text{sign}(\Delta m_{23}^2)$ ,  $\delta$   
 LSND signal (???)



# New Initiatives: neutrinos

- Understanding the Neutrino matrix:
  - What is  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$
  - What is the Mass Hierarchy
  - What is the CP violation parameter  $\delta$
- Fermilab is in the best position to make vital contributions to answer these questions

# $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ appearance at the atmospheric mass scale

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) = P_1 + P_2 + P_3 + P_4$$

$$\Delta_{ij} = \frac{\Delta m_{ij}^2}{2E_\nu};$$

$$A = \sqrt{2} G_F n_e;$$

$$B_\pm = |A \pm \Delta_{13}|;$$

$$J = \cos \theta_{13} \sin 2\theta_{12} \sin 2\theta_{13} \sin 2\theta_{23}$$

$$P_1 = \sin^2 \theta_{23} \sin^2 \theta_{13} \left( \frac{\Delta_{13}}{B_\pm} \right)^2 \sin^2 \frac{B_\pm L}{2}$$

Oscillation at the 'atmospheric' frequency

$$P_2 = \cos^2 \theta_{23} \sin^2 \theta_{12} \left( \frac{\Delta_{12}}{A} \right)^2 \sin^2 \frac{AL}{2}$$

Oscillation at the 'solar' frequency

$$P_3 = J \cos \delta \left( \frac{\Delta_{12}}{A} \right) \left( \frac{\Delta_{13}}{B_\pm} \right) \cos \frac{\Delta_{13} L}{2} \sin \frac{AL}{2} \sin \frac{B_\pm L}{2}$$

Interference of these two amplitudes  $\rightarrow$  CP violation

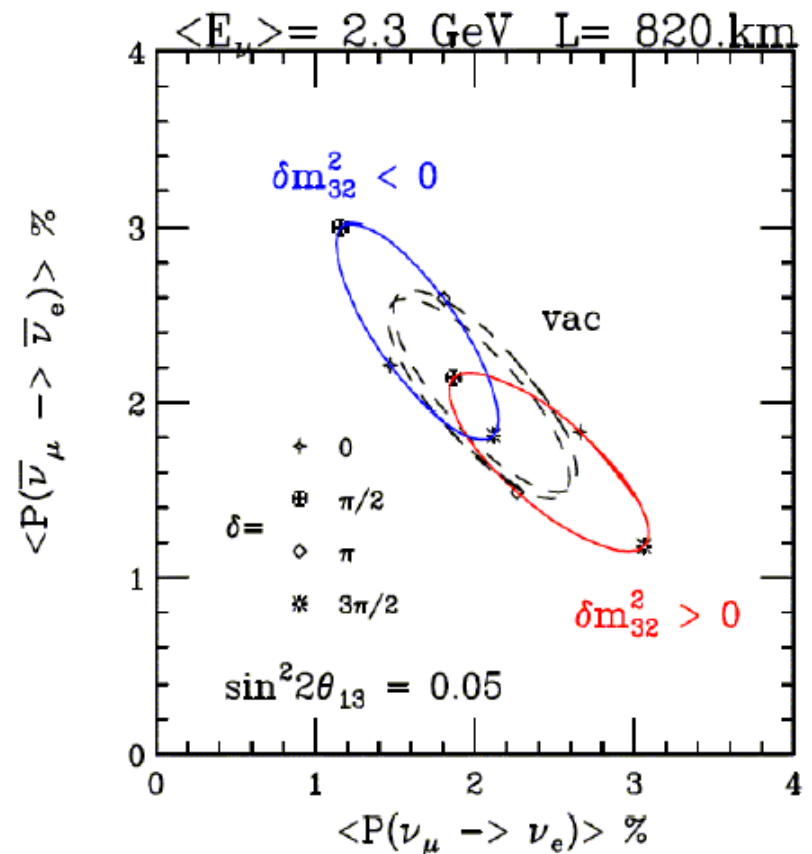
$$P_4 = J \sin \delta \left( \frac{\Delta_{12}}{A} \right) \left( \frac{\Delta_{13}}{B_\pm} \right) \sin \frac{\Delta_{13} L}{2} \sin \frac{AL}{2} \sin \frac{B_\pm L}{2}$$

$$P = f(\sin^2 2\theta_{13}, \delta, \text{sgn}(\Delta m_{13}^2), \Delta m_{12}^2, \Delta m_{13}^2, \sin^2 2\theta_{12}, \sin^2 2\theta_{23}, L, E)$$

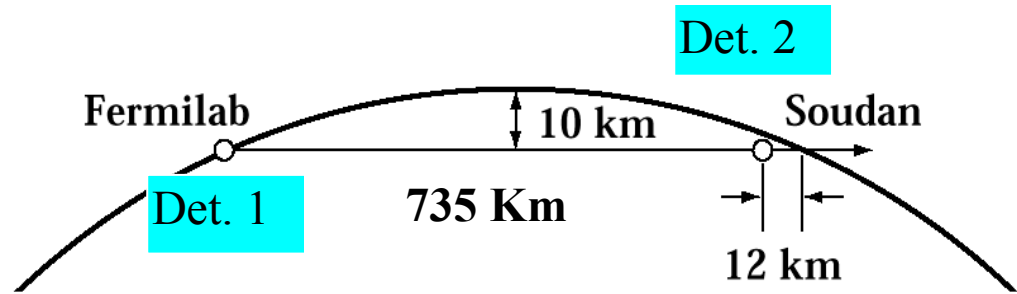
**3 unknowns**, but we have a choice of  $L$ ,  $E$ ,  
neutrino/antineutrino running

# What it takes to do these measurements

- ❖ We want to be sensitive to oscillation probabilities down to  $\text{few} \times 10^{-3}$
- ❖ Experiments, at least in a first phase, will be statistics limited
- ❖ 3 unknown ( $\theta_{13}$ ,  $\delta$ ,  $\text{sign}(\Delta_{23}^2)$ )
- ❖ we need several independent measurements to learn about underlying physics parameters



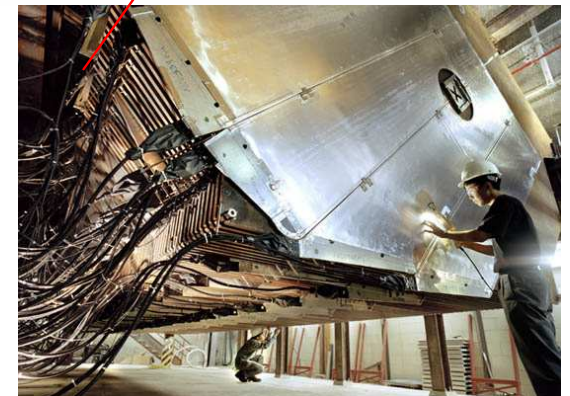
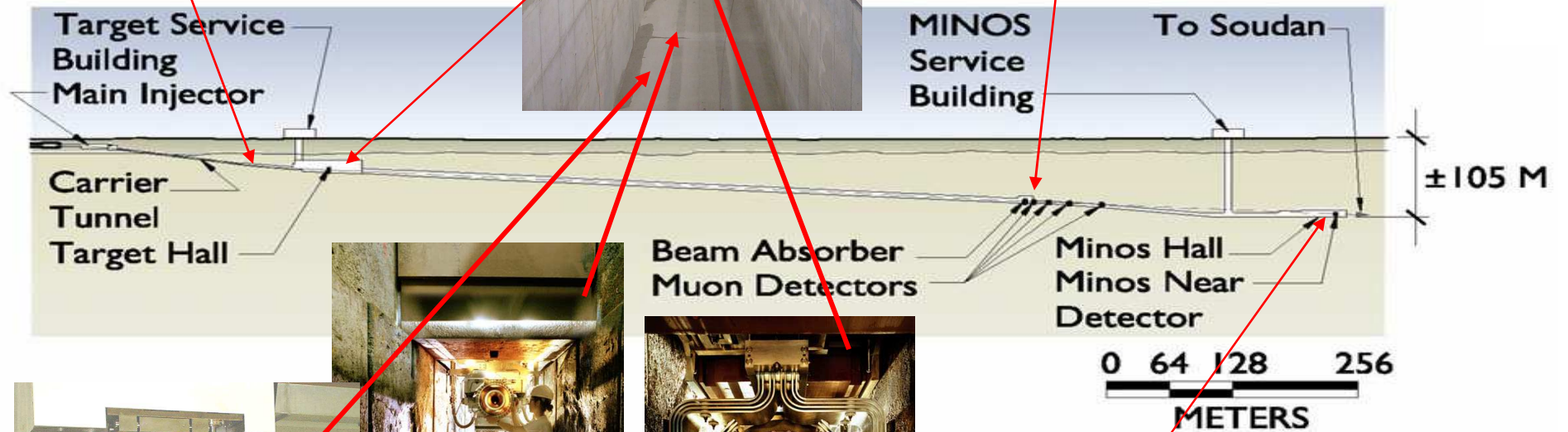
# NuMI: $\nu$ 's at the Main Injector



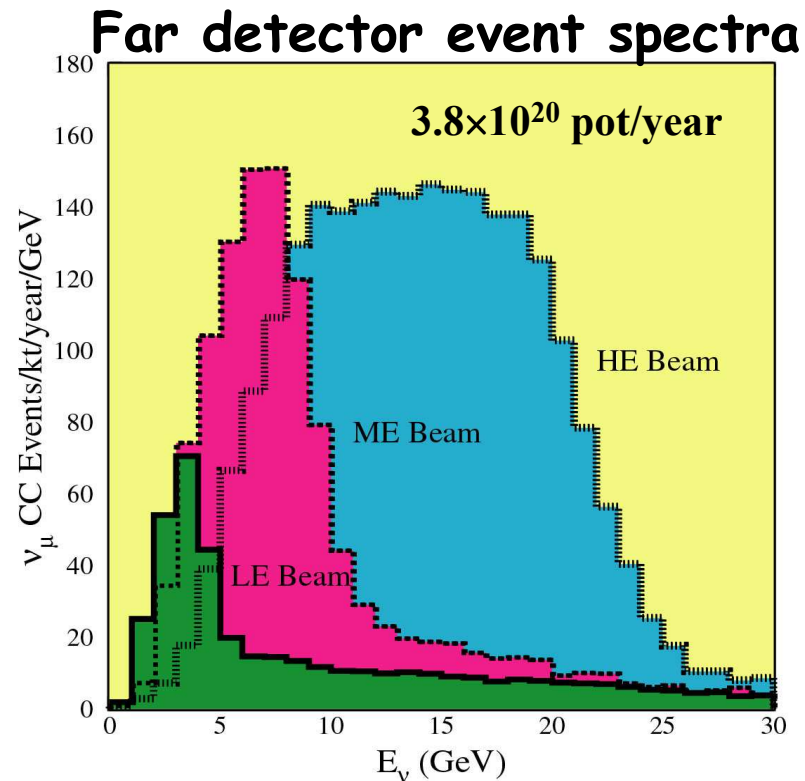
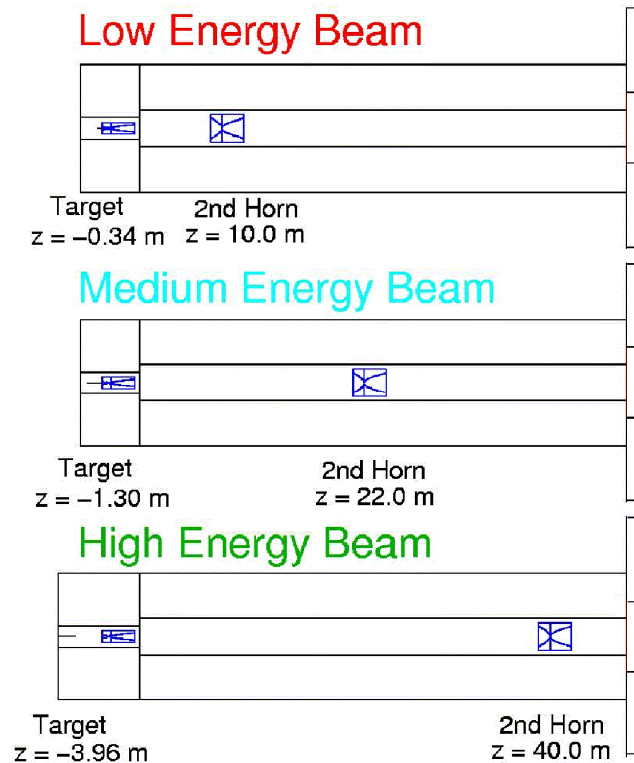
- **a neutrino beam from Fermilab to northern Minnesota**
  - over 735 km to Soudan mine (MINOS experiment)
  - **a large near hall at  $\sim 1$  km from the target**
  - MINOS near detector, MINER $\nu$ A, PEANUT (exposure of OPERA bricks)
- **a high power neutrino beam**
  - 120 GeV protons from Main Injector
  - facility designed for up to 0.4 MW ( $4 \times 10^{13}$  ppp every 1.9 s)



# NuMI beam-line



# A flexible target and horn system

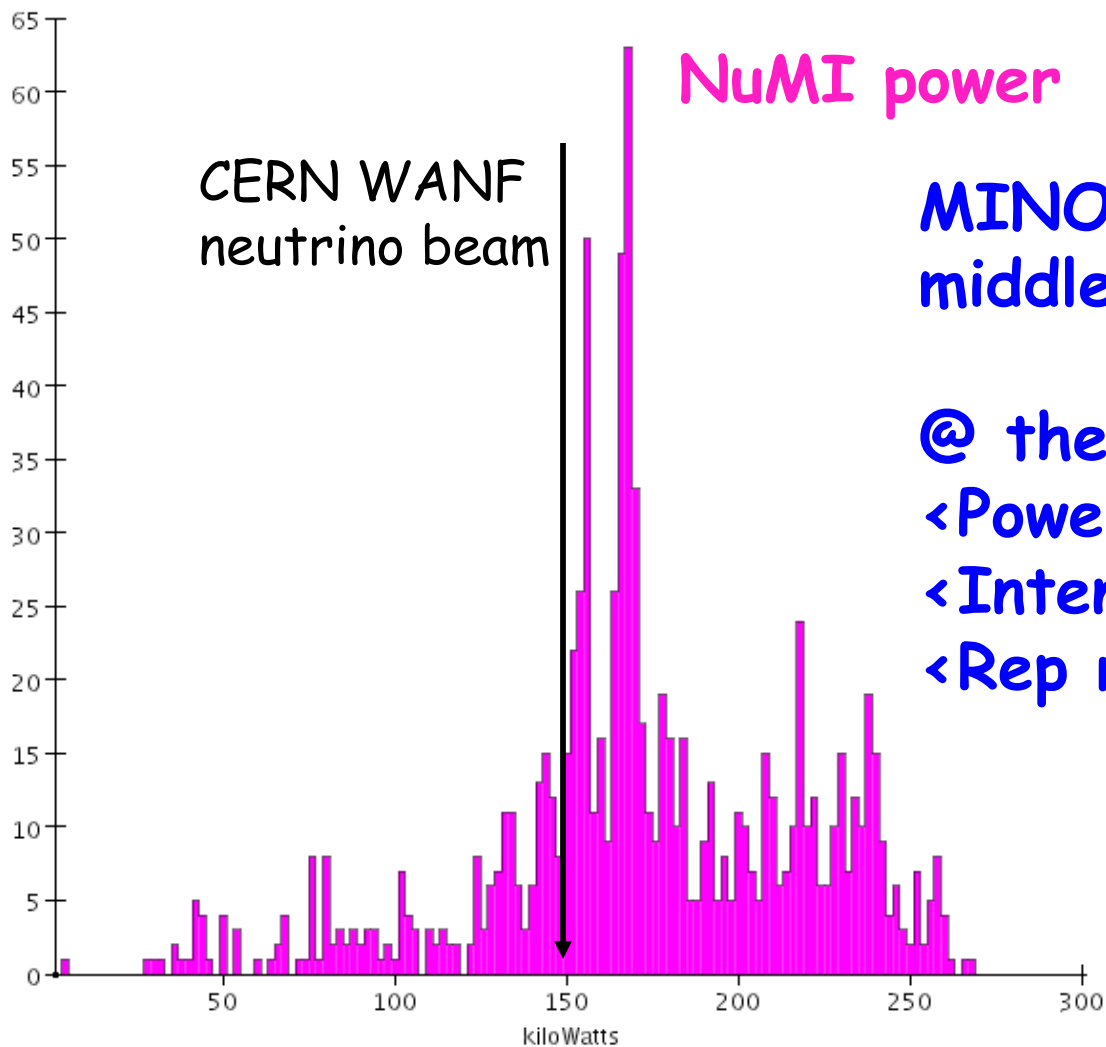


- Fully optimized spectra for each energy are obtained by moving the target and the 2<sup>nd</sup> horn
- in LE configuration, 2/3 of the target length is positioned inside the 1<sup>st</sup> horn
- With a parabolic shaped horn inner conductor, the horn behaves like a lens ( $p_t$  kick proportional to the distance from the axis), with a focal length proportional to the momentum



# NuMI performance

Power on Target (binned every 10.0 min)



CERN WANF  
neutrino beam

NuMI power

MINOS data taking started  
middle of March '05

@ the end of September

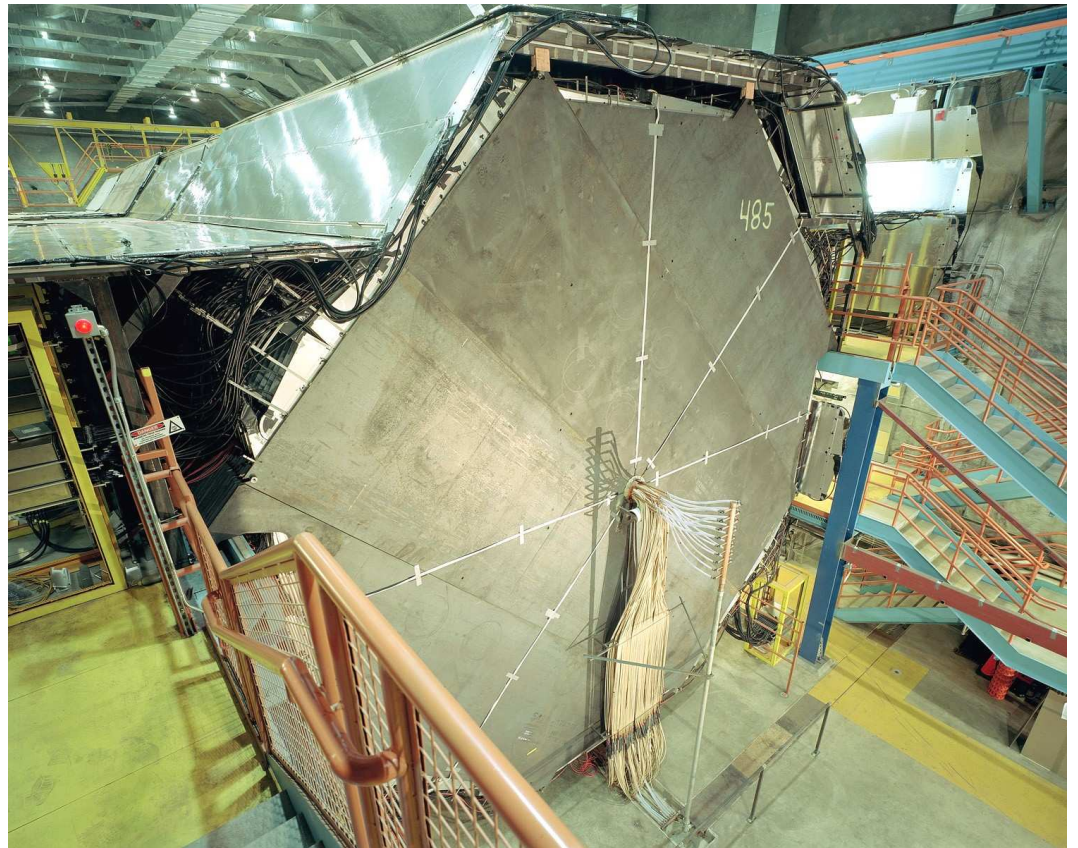
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<Intensity> =  $2.4 \times 10^{13}$  ppp

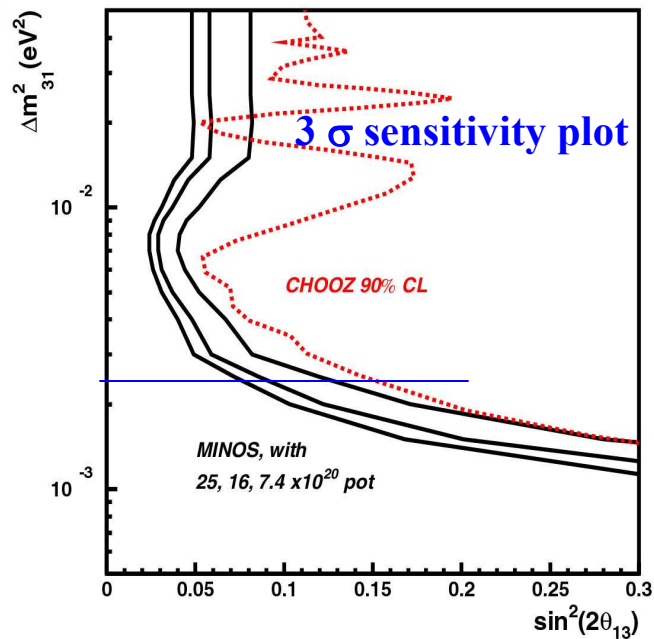
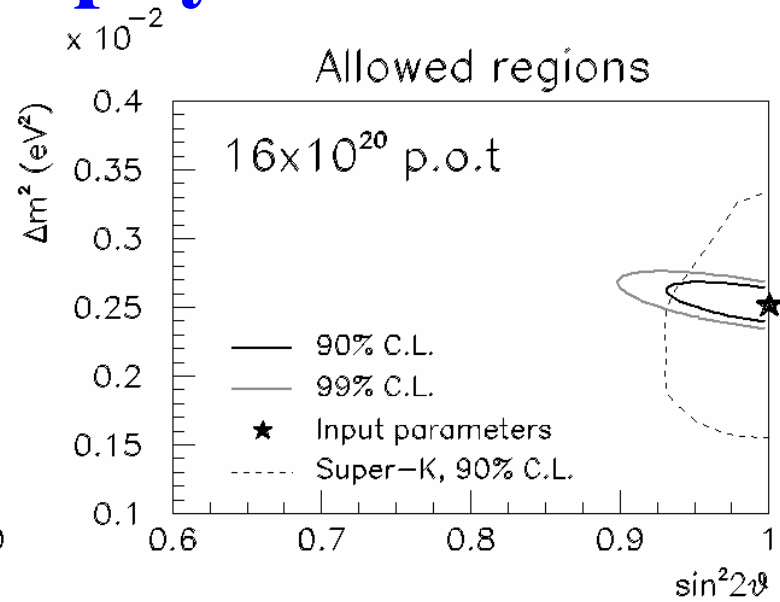
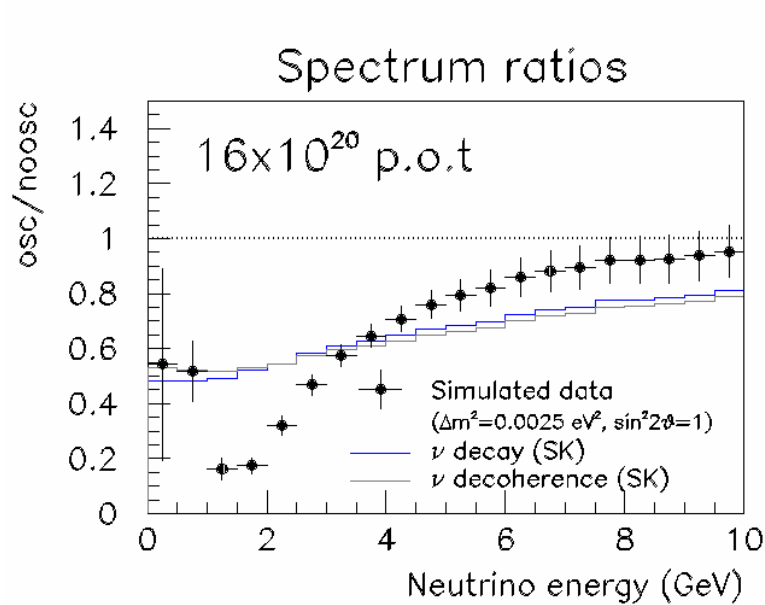
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# MINOS Far Detector

- ❖ 2 sections, each 15m long
- ❖ 8m Octagonal Tracking Calorimeter
  - 486 layers of 2.54cm Fe
  - 4cm wide solid scintillator strips with WLS fiber readout
  - longitudinal granularity  $1.5 X_0$
  - Magnet coil provides  $\langle B \rangle \approx 1.3\text{T}$
- ❖ 5.4kt total mass
- ❖ Fully loaded cost ~\$6 M/kton



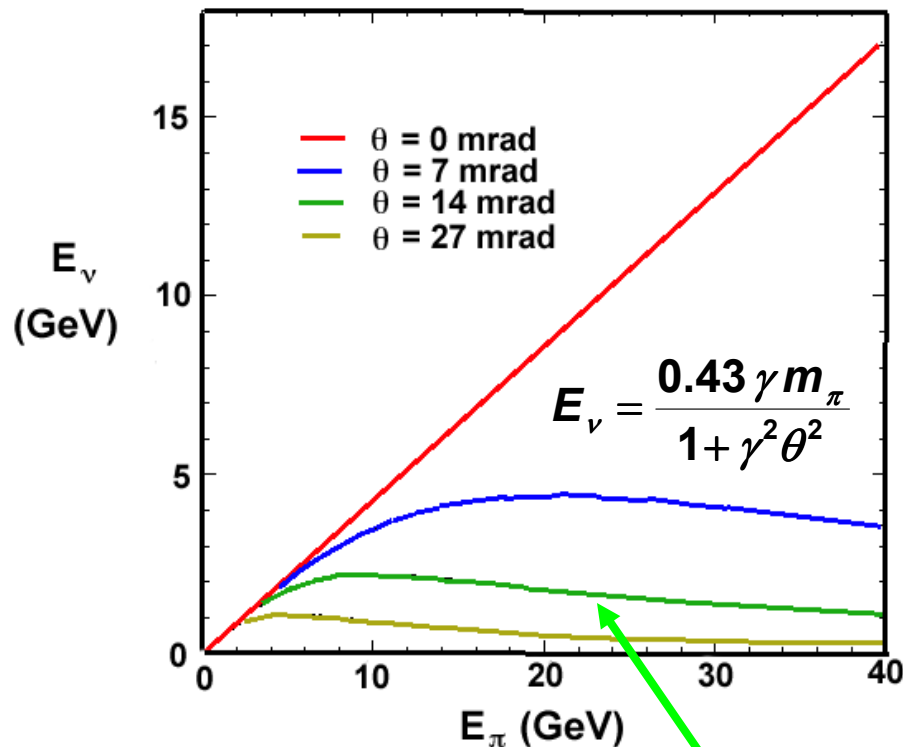
# MINOS physics reach



In ~ 5 years

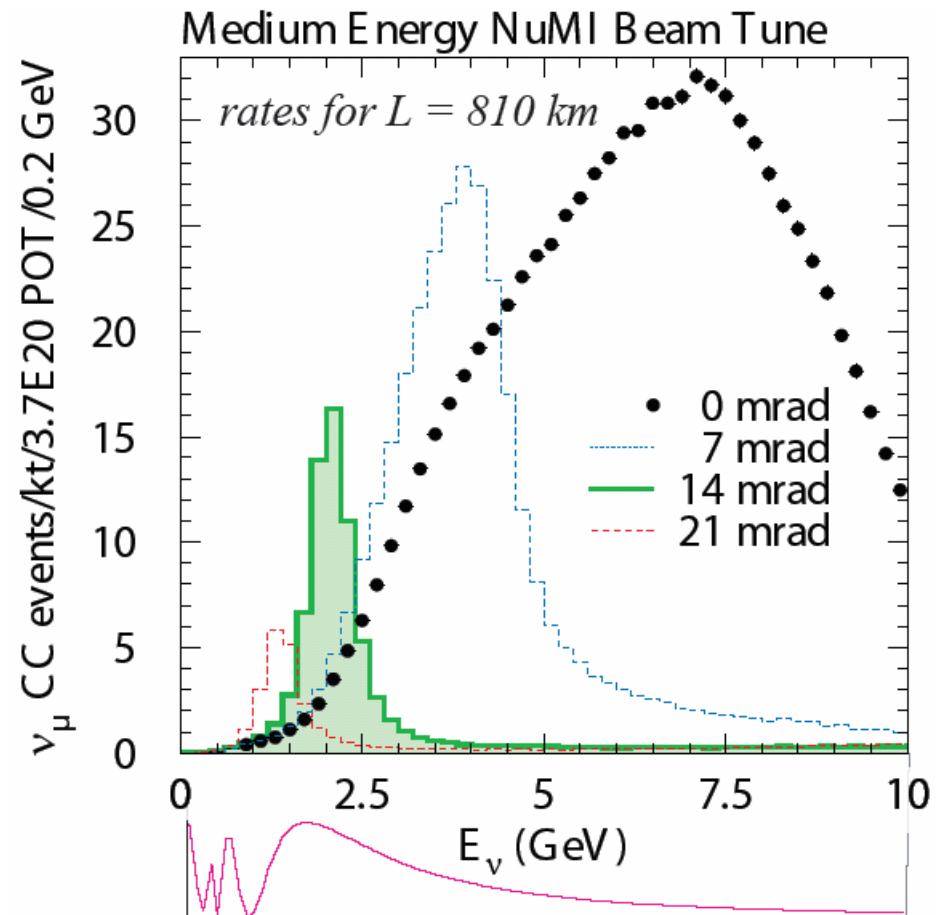
- 10% measurement of atmospheric  $\Delta m^2$ , good sensitivity for unconventional explanations
- 3  $\sigma$  sensitivity for non-zero  $\theta_{13}$  if within a factor 2 of the CHOOZ limit

# NuMI as an Off-Axis beam

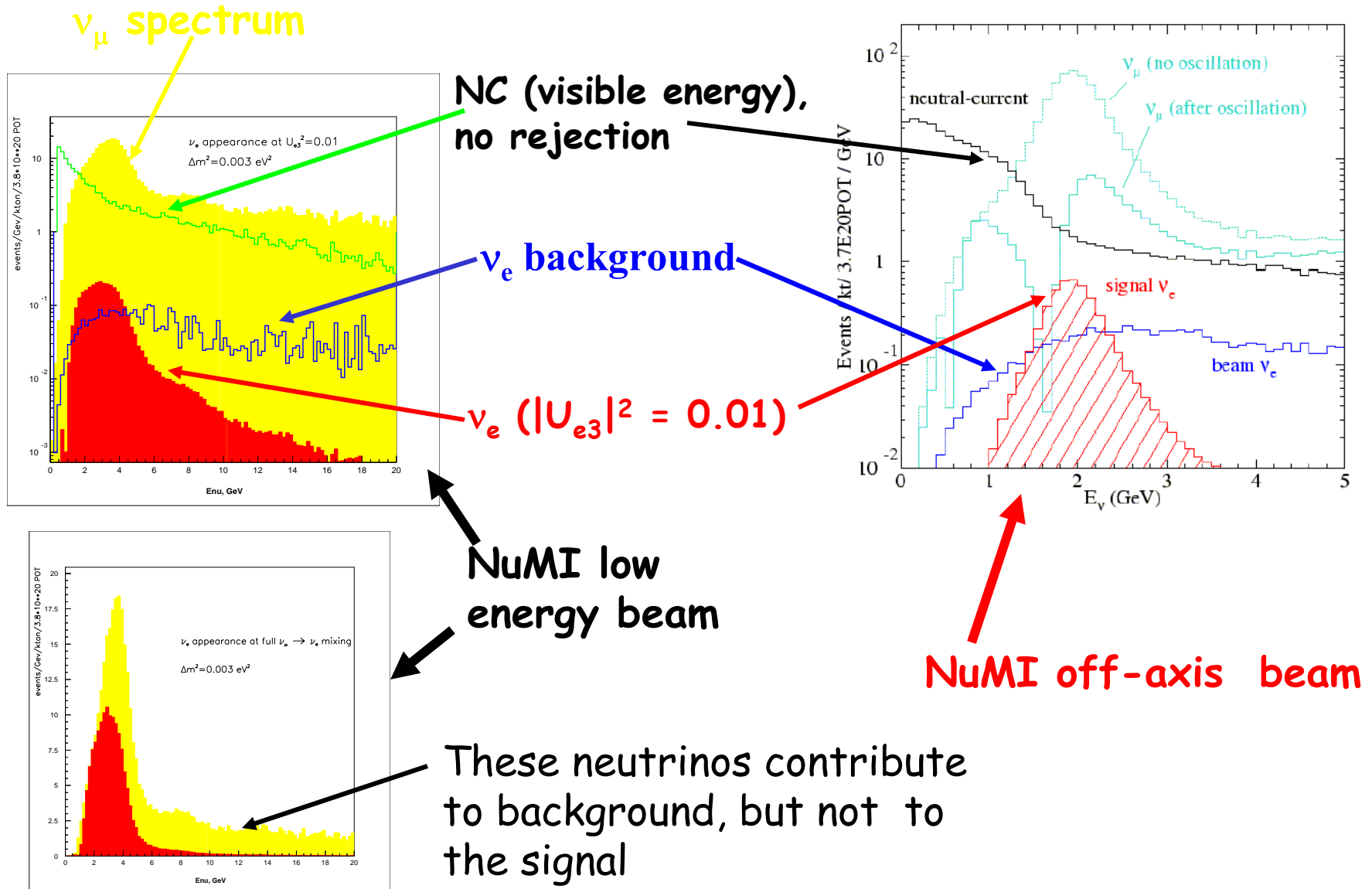


For a given  $\theta \neq 0$ , a large range of pion energies contributes to a small range of neutrino energies

## Off-axis beam from ME configuration



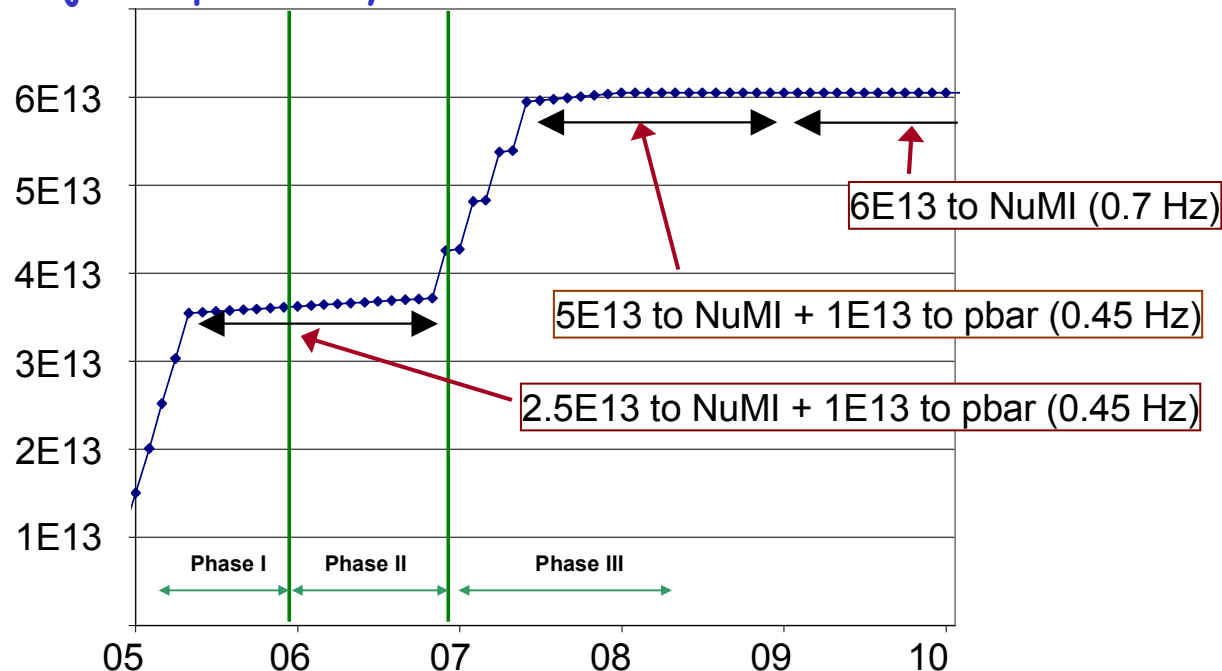
# How to improve $\nu_e$ signal/background: choice of the beam





# Beam power upgrades

Main Injector protons/cycle



NuMI flux to MINOS  $\sim 2 \times 10^{20}$  protons/year (now)

`Proton Plan' (remove existing limitations) gives NuMI

$\sim 4 \times 10^{20}$  protons/year before collider turn-off in 2009

$\sim 6 \times 10^{20}$  protons/year after collider turn-off in 2009

**Proton Driver (new Linac)  $\sim 25 \times 10^{20}$  - whenever PD exists**

# A Detector for NuMI off-axis

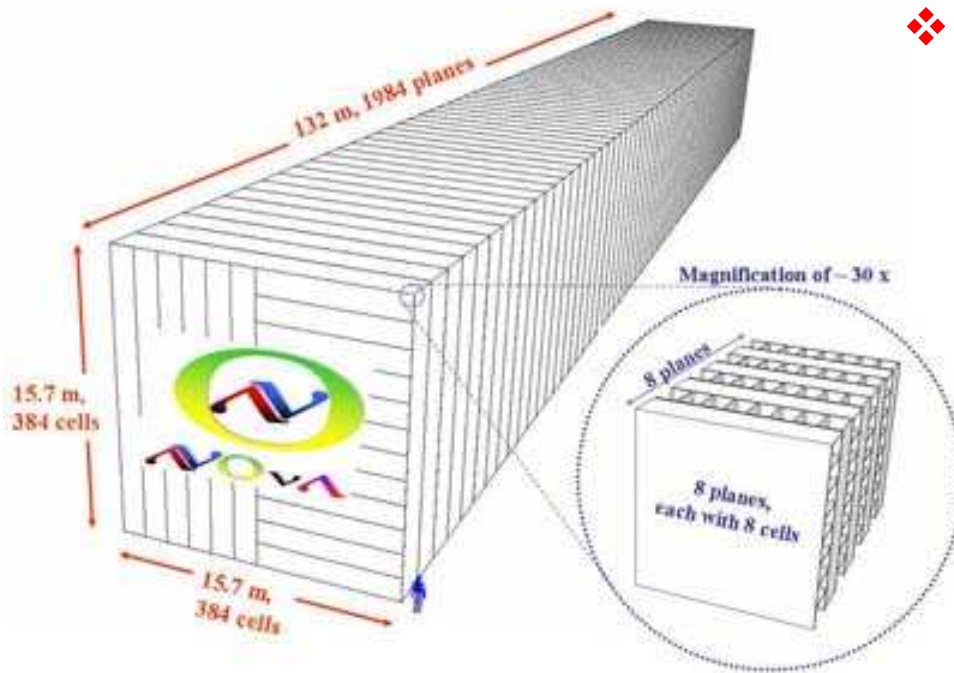
## ❖ Physics requirements

- optimized for the neutrino energy range of 1 to 3 GeV
- detector on surface, must be able to handle raw rate and background from cosmic rays
- very large mass (10's kton range)
- identify with high efficiency  $\nu_e$  charged interactions
- good energy resolution to reject  $\nu_e$ 's from background sources
  - $\nu_e$  background has a broader energy spectrum than the potential signal
- provide adequate rejection against  $\nu_\mu$  NC and CC backgrounds
  - $e/\pi^0$  separation
    - fine longitudinal segmentation, much smaller than  $X_0$
    - fine transverse segmentation, finer than the typical spatial separation of the 2  $\gamma$ 's from  $\pi^0$  decay
  - $e/\mu, h$  separation

# Neutrino Initiative: NOvA

- In addition to Beam power: detector mass and detector sensitivity: NOvA is 30 ktons, totally active
- NOvA is the only experiment sensitive to matter effects (hence the mass hierarchy).
  - We want to start a long term R&D program towards massive totally active liquid Argon detectors for extensions of NOvA.
  - Improvement is proportional to (Beam power) x (detector mass) x (detector sensitivity)

# NoVA



## ❖ 30 kton tracking calorimeter

- alternating horizontal and vertical cells of liquid scintillator contained in PVC
- 80% active material
- cell size: 15.7 m long, 3.87 cm wide, 6.0 cm along beam direction
- 0.8 mm  $\varnothing$  looped WLS fibers in each cell for light collection
- the 2 ends of a looped fiber connected to 1 pixel of an APD

❖ Longitudinal granularity  $0.15 X_0$

❖ Efficiency for  $\sim 2$  GeV  $\nu_e$  events  $\sim 24\%$

❖ Background fraction for  $\nu_\mu$  NC  $\sim 2 \times 10^{-3}$

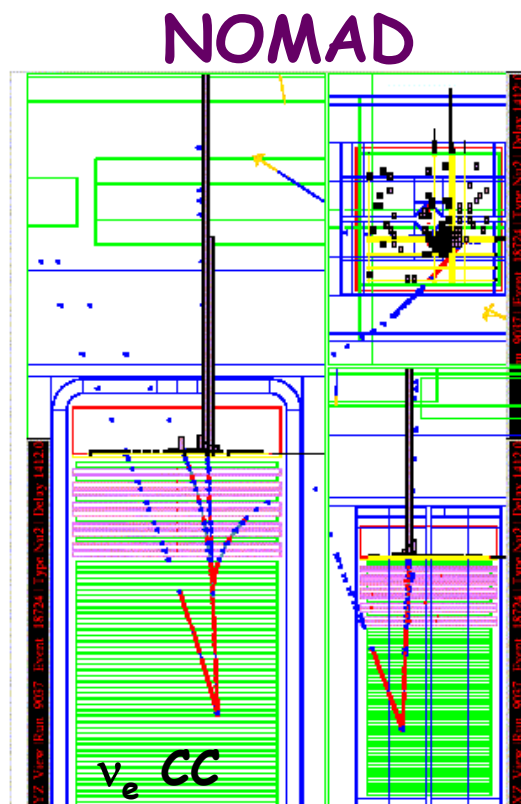
❖ Background fraction for  $\nu_\mu$  CC  $\sim 4 \times 10^{-4}$

## Millennium Dome, Greenwich, London, span 365 m, cable structure

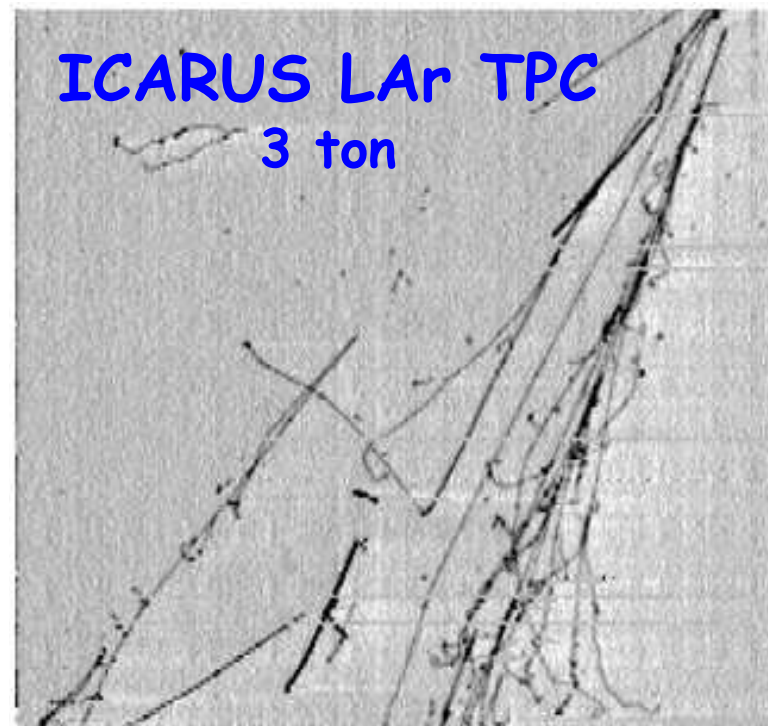




Bubble $\varnothing$ (mm)	3
Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	1.5
$X_0$ (cm)	11.0
$\lambda_T$ (cm)	49.5
dE/dx (MeV/cm)	2.3

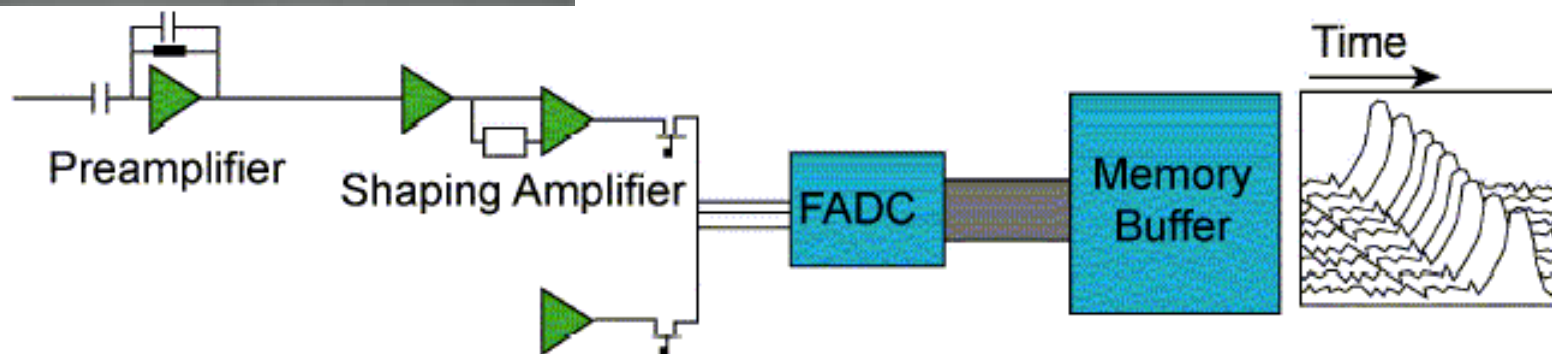
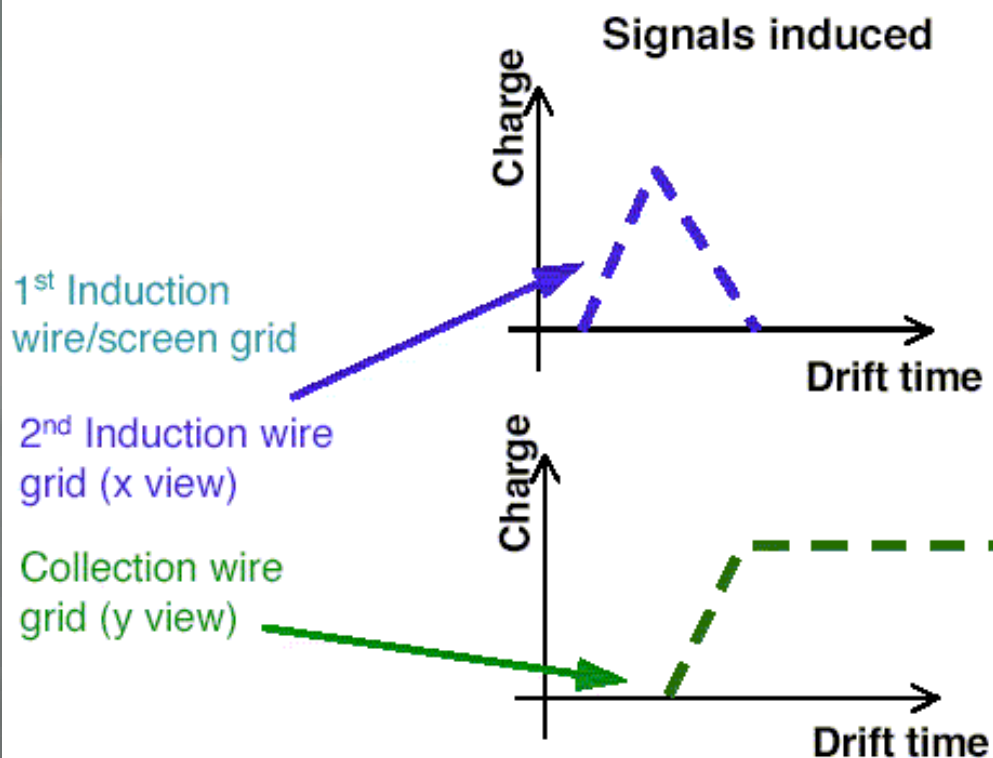
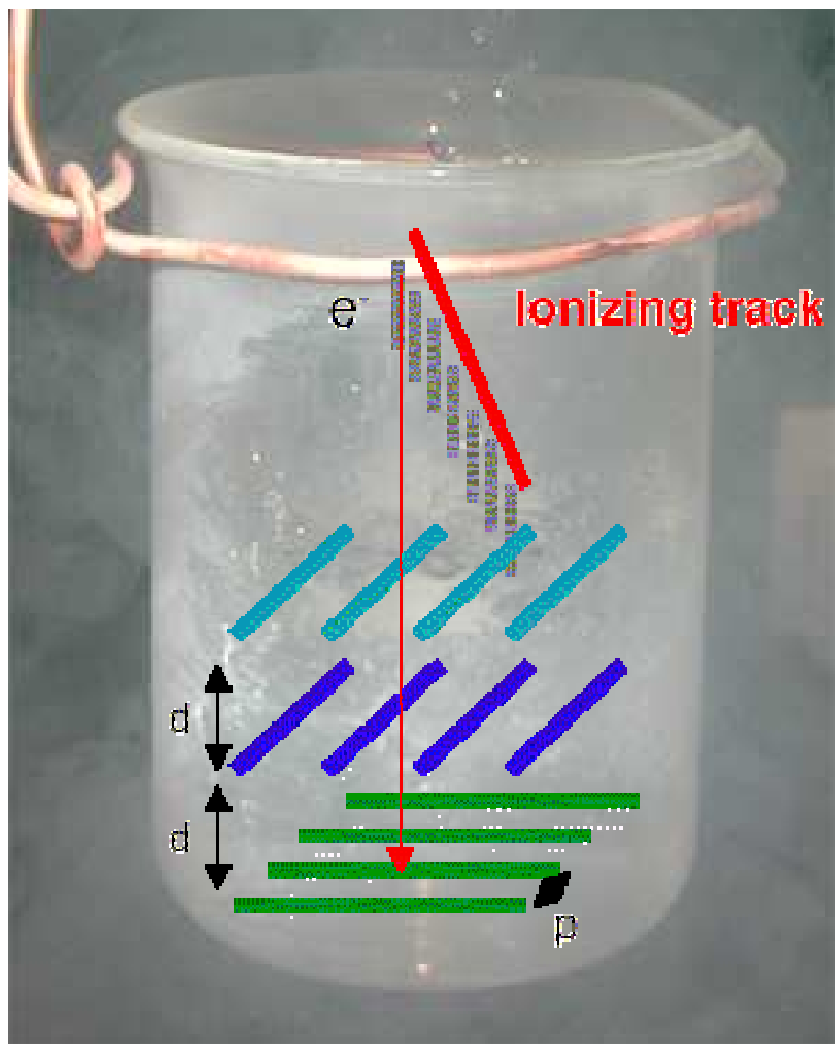


2.7 tons drift  
chambers target  
Density (g/cm<sup>3</sup>) 0.1  
2%  $X_0$ /chamber  
0.4 T magnetic field  
  
TRD detector  
Lead glass calorimeter



Resolution (mm <sup>3</sup> )	2×2×0.2
Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	1.4
$X_0$ (cm)	14.0
$\lambda_T$ (cm)	54.8
dE/dx (MeV/cm)	2.1

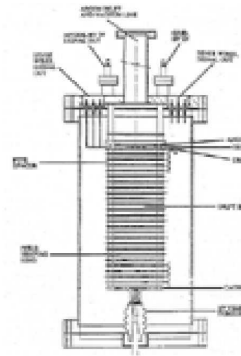
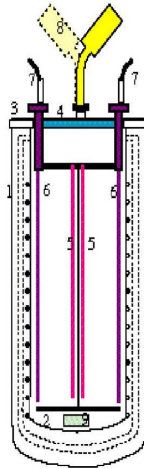
# Liquid Argon TPC



# ICARUS R&D steps

3 ton prototype

**1991-1995:** First demonstration of the LAr TPC on large masses. Measurement of the TPC performances. TMG doping.

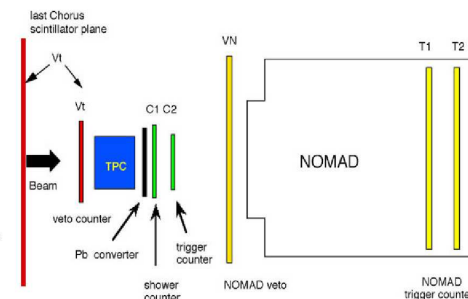


24 cm drift  
wires chamber

**1987:** First LAr TPC. Proof of principle. Measurements of TPC performances.

50 litres prototype  
1.4 m drift chamber

**1997-1999:** Neutrino beam events measurements. Readout electronics optimization. MLPB development and study. 1.4 m drift test.

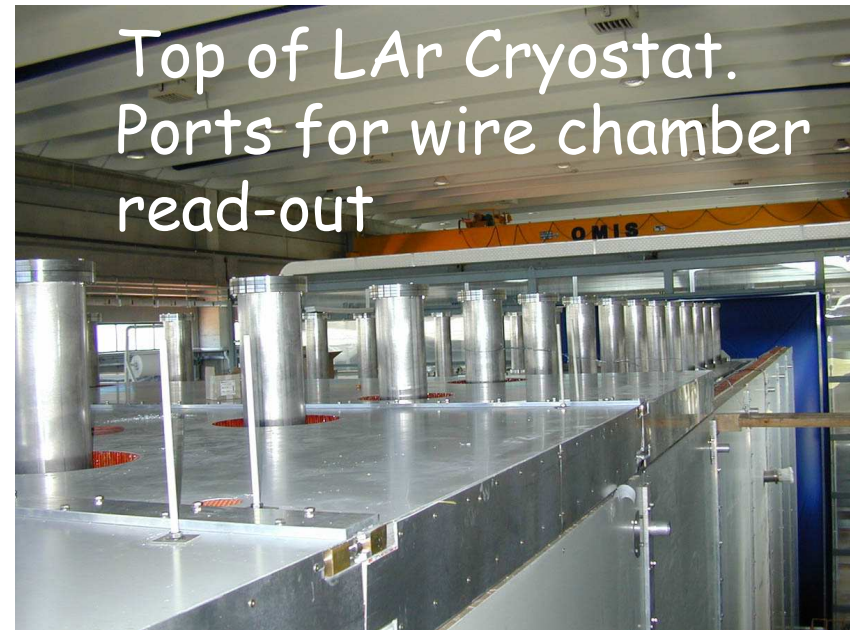
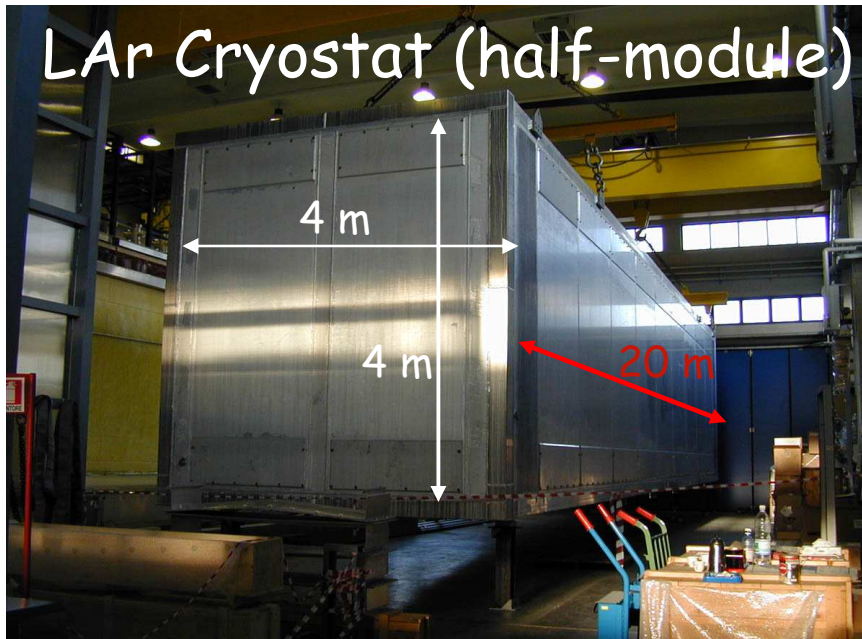


10 m<sup>3</sup> industrial prototype

**1999-2000:** Test of final industrial solutions for the wire chamber mechanics and readout electronics.



# T300 cryostat

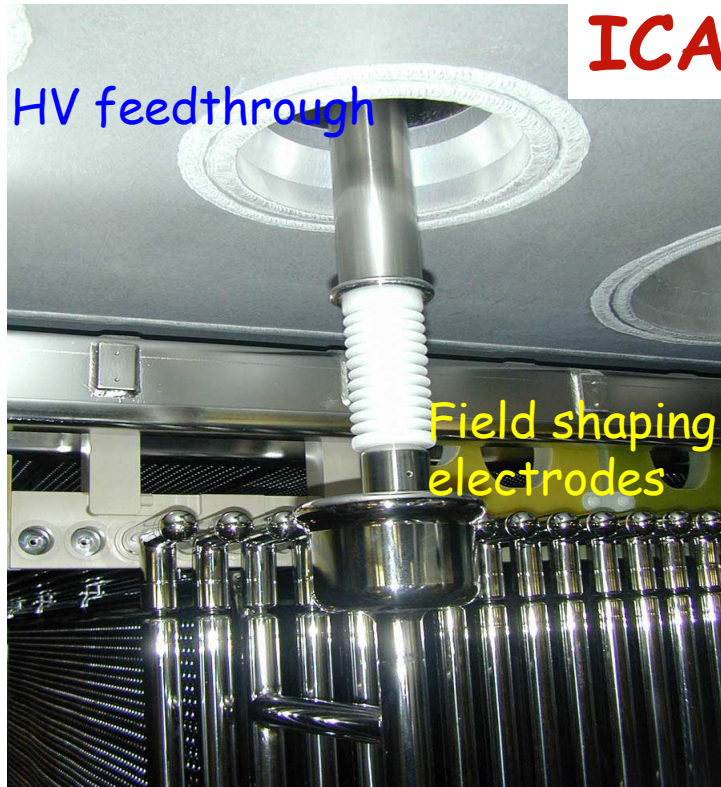


- T300 is a half-module of the T600
- cryostat constructed out of 15 cm thick panels, made of aluminum honeycomb sandwiched between aluminum skins
- thermal insulation panels, 0.5 m thick, made of Nomex (pre-impregnated paper) honeycomb
- cooling performed by circulating  $\text{LN}_2$  inside cooling circuits placed immediately outside of the cryostat
- possibility to evacuate the cryostat down to  $10^{-4}$  mbar
- ... but relatively large thermal losses, up to  $22 \text{ W/m}^2$

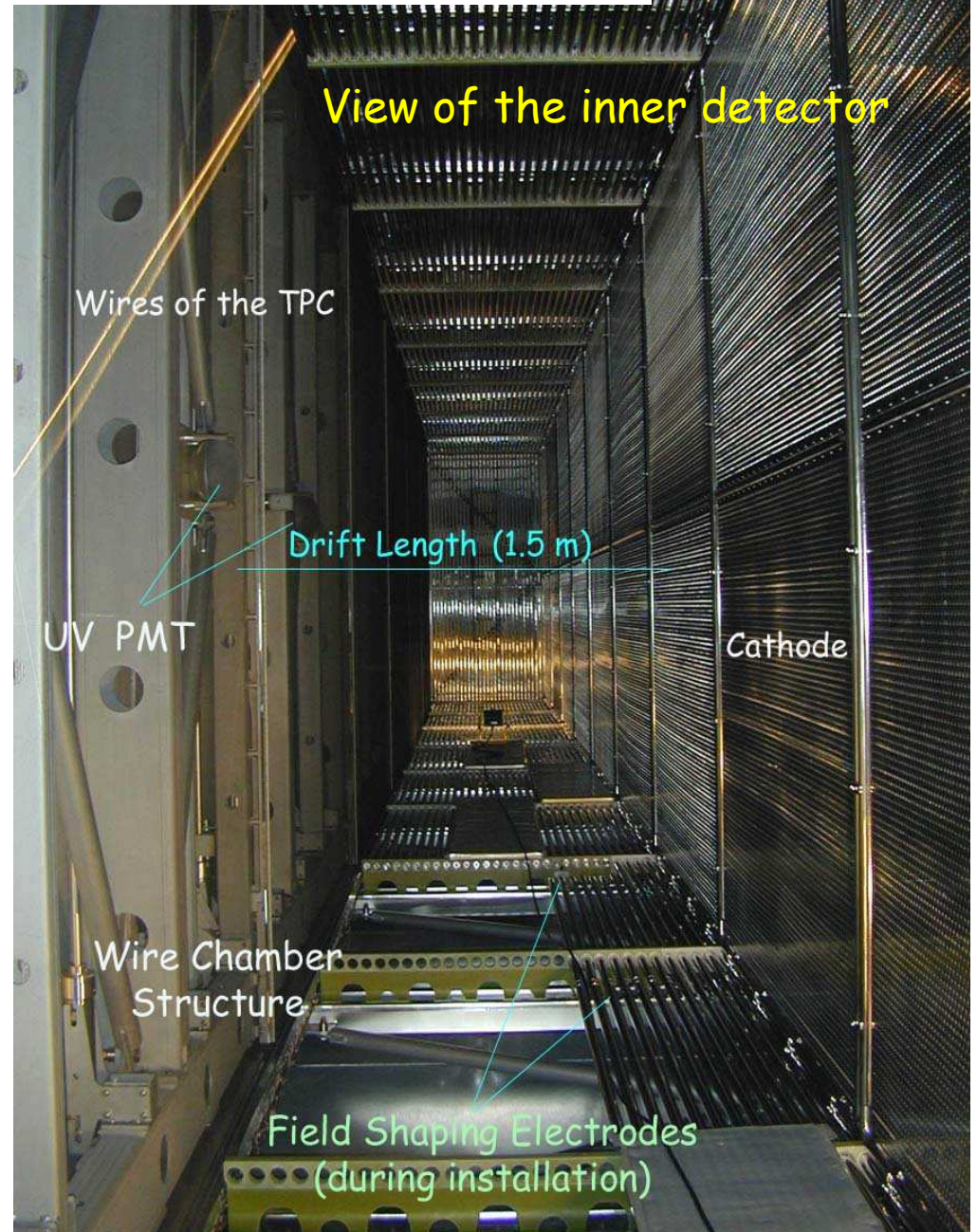


# ICARUS T300 Prototype

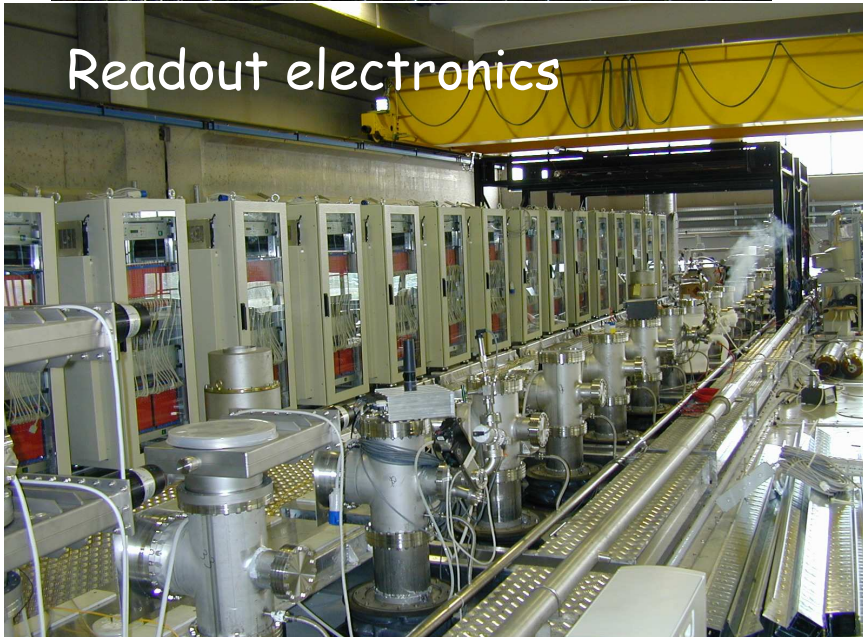
HV feedthrough



View of the inner detector

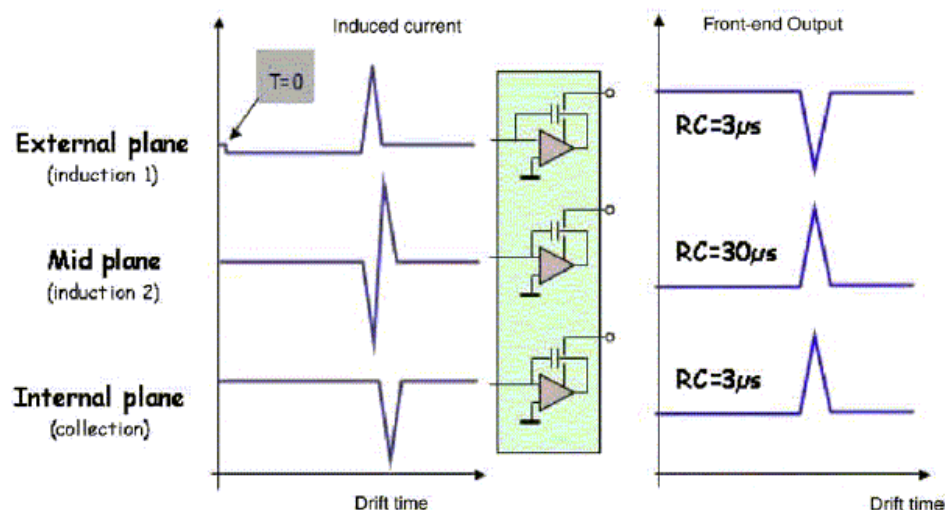


Readout electronics

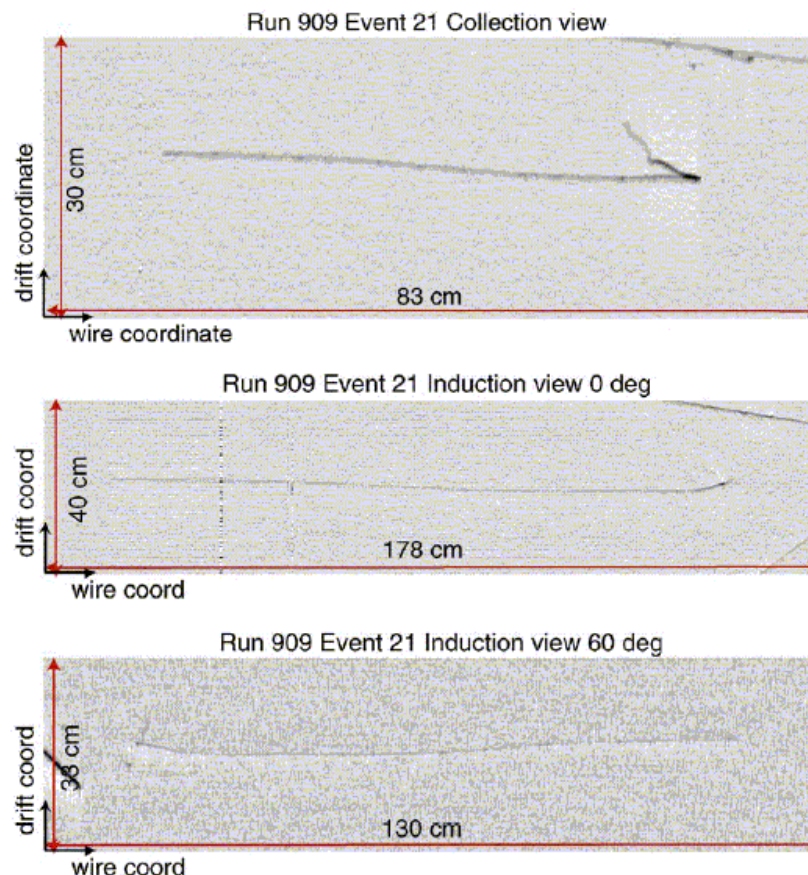




# Signals and event reconstruction from T300



- 3 wire planes ( $0^\circ$ ,  $\pm 60^\circ$ ), 3 mm wire pitch, 3 mm distance between wire planes
- $0^\circ$  wires: 9.4 m long,  $\pm 60^\circ$  wires: 3.8 m
- input capacitance (wire+cable )  
 $0^\circ$  wires:  $\sim 400$  pF,  $\pm 60^\circ$  wires:  $\sim 200$  pF



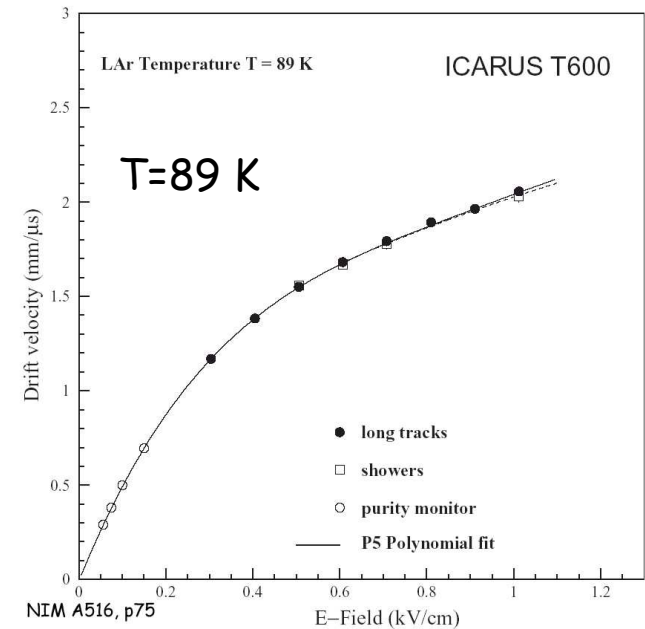
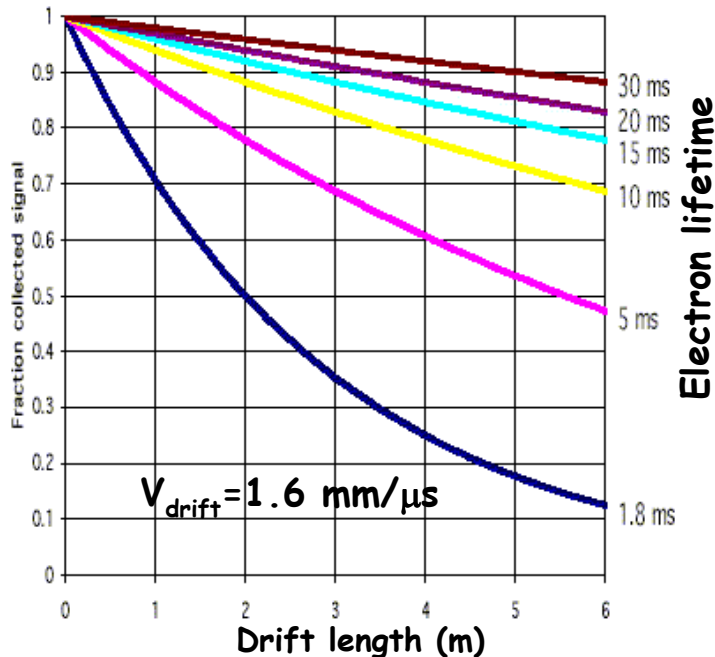
- ionization signal: 5500 e/mm @ 500 V/cm (before attenuation due to drift)
- Equivalent Noise Charge  $Q_{\text{noise}} = (500 + 2.5 \times C_{\text{input}} [\text{pF}])$  electrons
- **Signal/Noise ratio:  $\sim 10$**
- each wire digitized at 2.5 MHz by a 10 bit Flash ADC

# Can we drift over long distances (3m) ?

- HV feedthrough tested by ICARUS up to 150 kV ( $E=1\text{ kV/cm}$  in T600)
- $v_{\text{drift}} = (1.55 \pm 0.02) \text{ mm}/\mu\text{s}$  @  $500 \text{ V/cm}$
- Diffusion of electrons:  

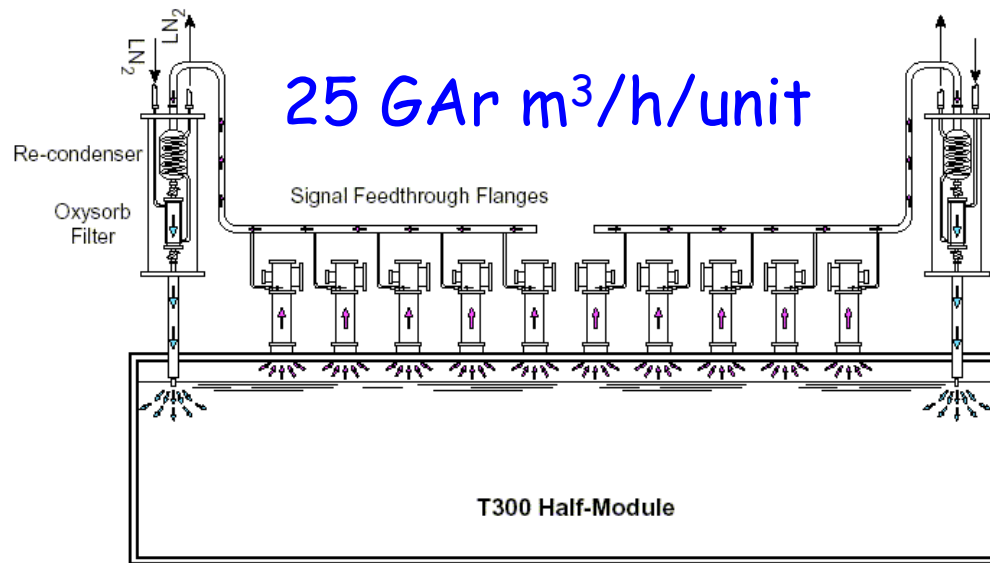
$$\sigma_d = \sqrt{2 \times D \times t}, D = 4.8 \pm 0.2 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$\sigma_d = 1.4 \text{ mm for } t = 2 \text{ ms}$$



- ❖ to drift over macroscopic distances, LAr must be very pure
  - a concentration of 0.1 ppb Oxygen equivalent gives an electron lifetime of 3 ms
- ❖ for a 3 m drift and <20% signal loss we need an electron lifetime of 10 ms

# Argon purification in ICARUS



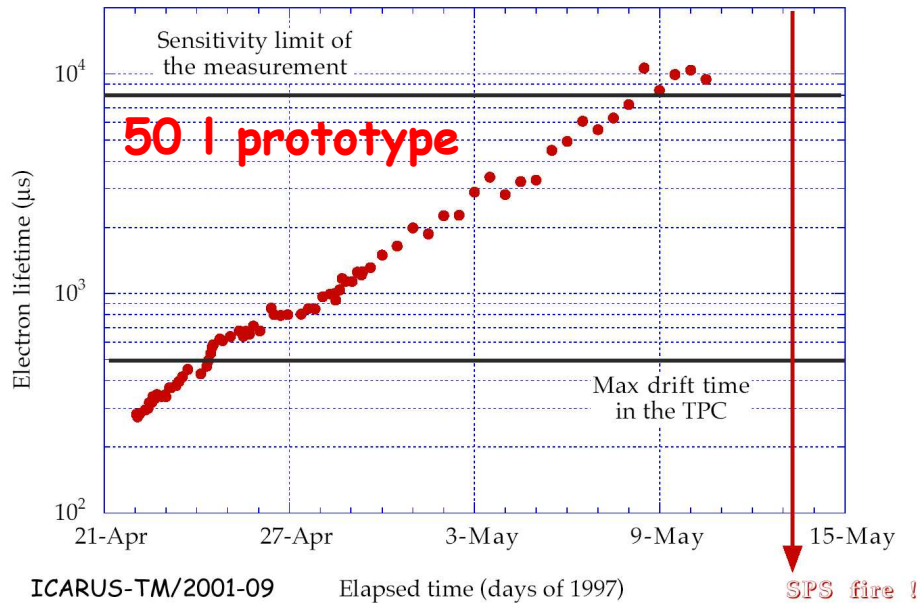
Recirculate **gaseous and liquid** Argon through standard Oxsorb/Hydrosorb filters



It was verified that LAr recirculation system does not induce any microphonic noise to the wires, so it can be active during the operation of the detector

$2.5 \text{ LAr m}^3/\text{h}$

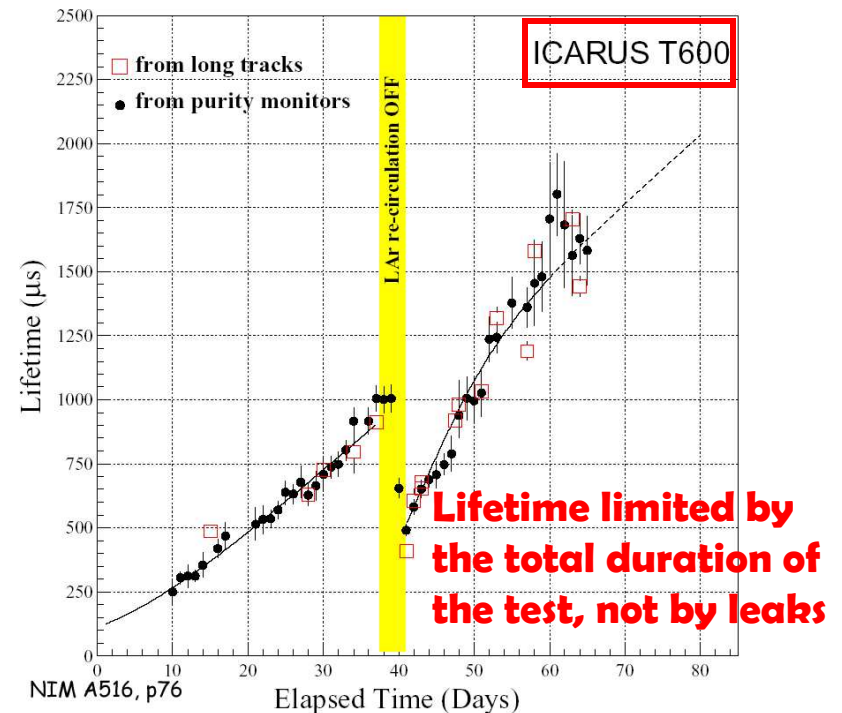
# Argon purity, electron lifetime in ICARUS



$$\frac{dN}{dt} = -\Phi_{out}(t) + \Phi_{in}(t) = -\frac{N(t)}{\tau_c} + \Phi_{in}^0 + \frac{A}{(1+t/t_0)^B}$$

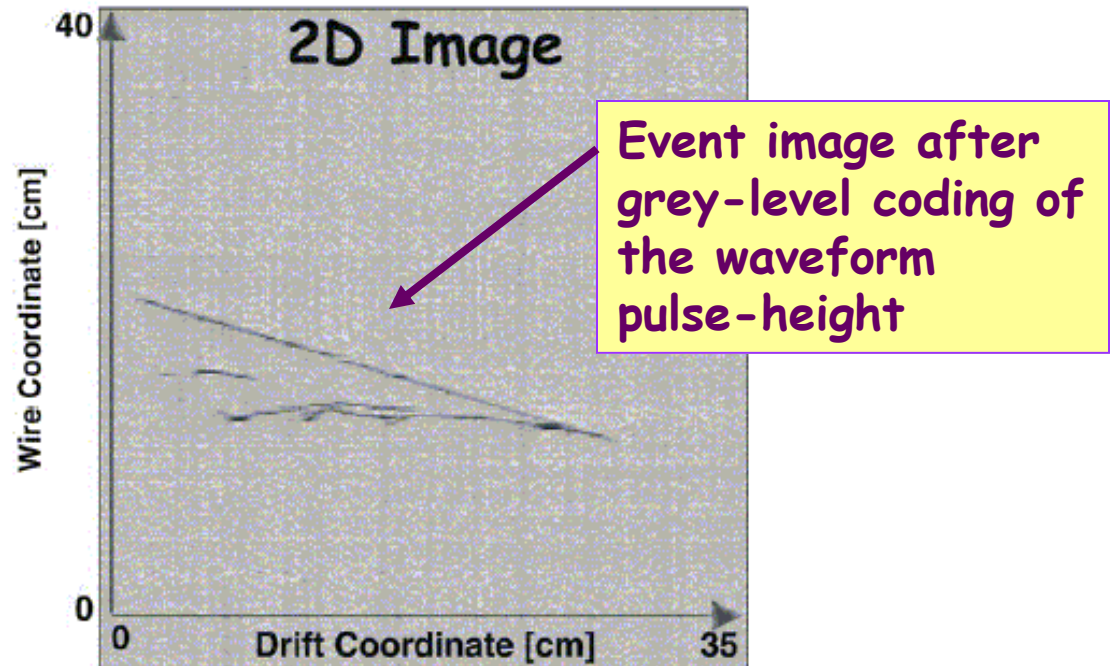
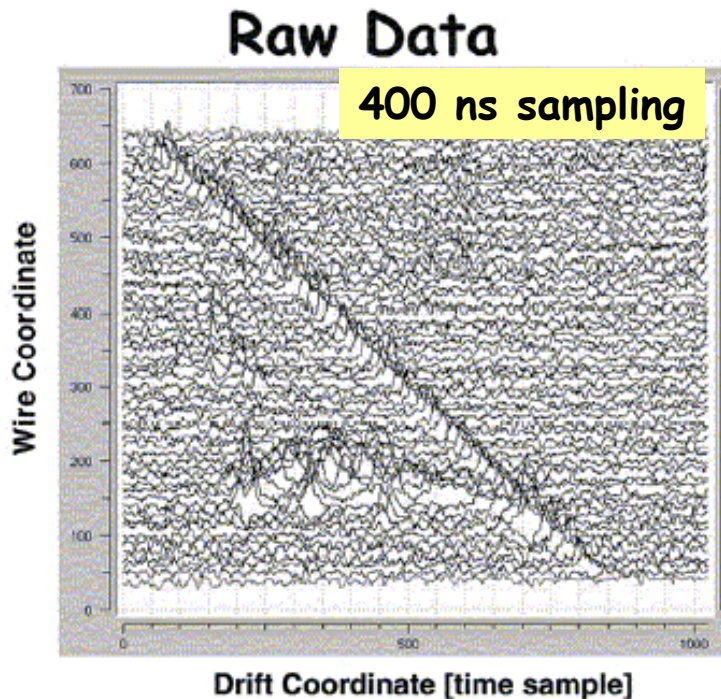
$\Phi_{in}^0 = (5 \pm 5) \times 10^{-3}$  ppb/day oxygen  
 $A = 0.33 \pm 0.07$  ppb/day  
 $B = 1.39 \pm 0.05$

- The concentration of impurities,  $N$ , is determined by
- constant input rate of impurities (leaks)  $\Phi_{in}^0$
  - outgassing of material  $A, B$
  - purification time  $\tau_c$





# Learnings from ICARUS



- demonstration of 3D imaging reconstruction over massive detector volumes (~ 1 kton)
  - performance comparable to traditional bubble chambers, with the advantage of being continuously sensitive
- calorimetric measurement, particle ID capabilities
- possibility of absolute timing definition and internal trigger from LAr scintillation light detection



# Lessons from ICARUS for a very large detector (tens of kton)

## ❖ Importance of the cryostat design

- not to pollute Argon (no leaks)
- to maintain stable thermodynamic conditions (good insulation)

## ❖ Possibility to safely employ high voltages up to 150 kV

❖ Reliability of the chamber design ... no broken wires during the transportation of the T600 module from Pavia to Gran Sasso on italian highways

## ❖ Long electron lifetimes ( $>5$ ms)/drift distances ( $> 1.5$ m) appear achievable

- after the initial phase, main sources of impurities are the surfaces exposed to the gaseous Argon
- better volume/surface ratio in a larger detector
- both Gar and LAr recirculation systems are needed

# LArTPC's report to NuSAG\*

Fermilab Note: **FN-0776-E**

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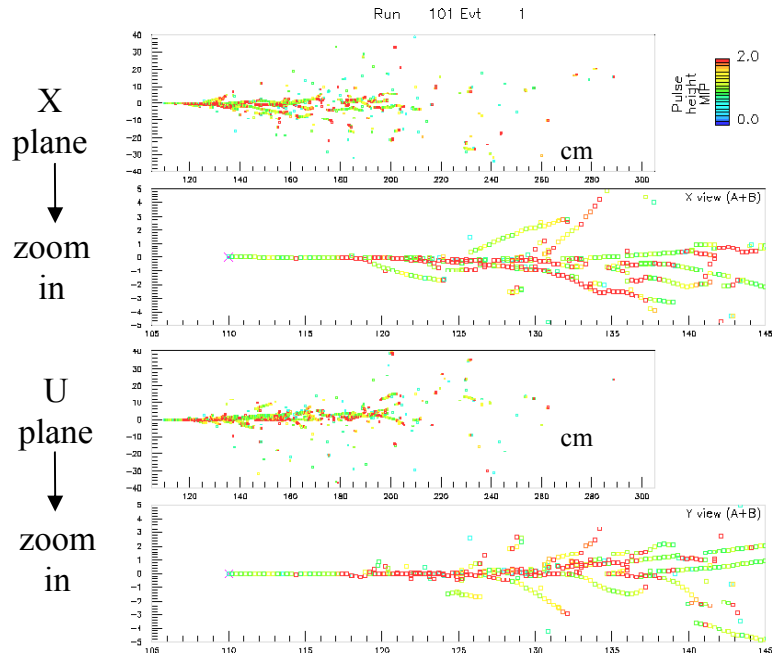
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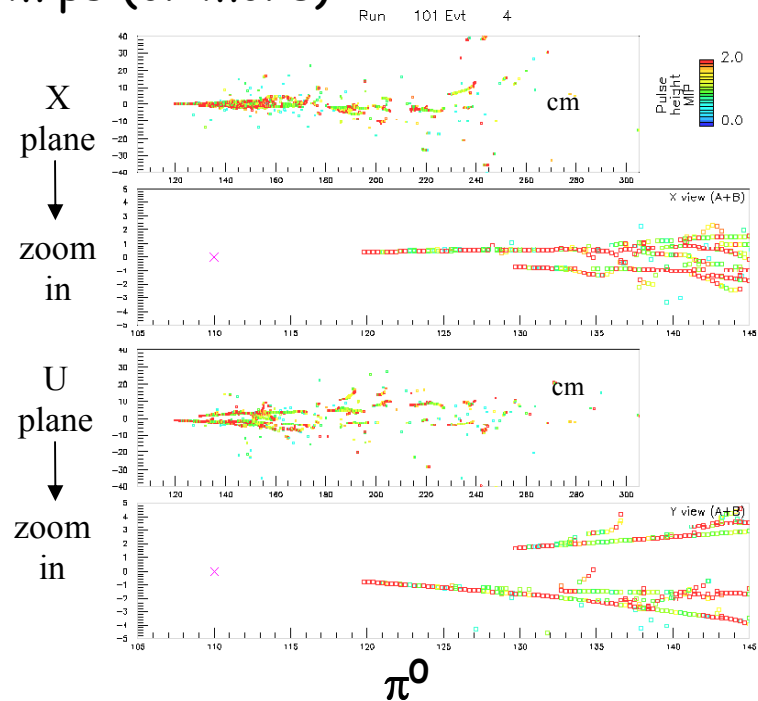
# The promise of LAr

## Electrons compared to $\pi^0$ 's at 1.5 GeV in LAr TPC

Dot indicates hit, color is collected charge  
green=1 mip, red=2 mips (or more)



**Electrons**  
Single track (mip scale)  
starting from a single vertex



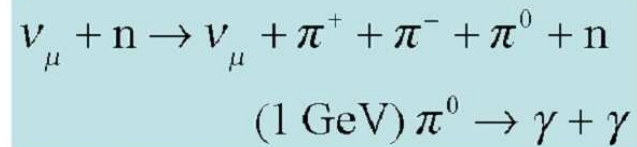
Multiple secondary tracks pointing  
back to the same primary vertex

Each track is two electrons  
- 2 mip scale per hit

use both topology and dE/dx to identify interactions

# The promise of LAr

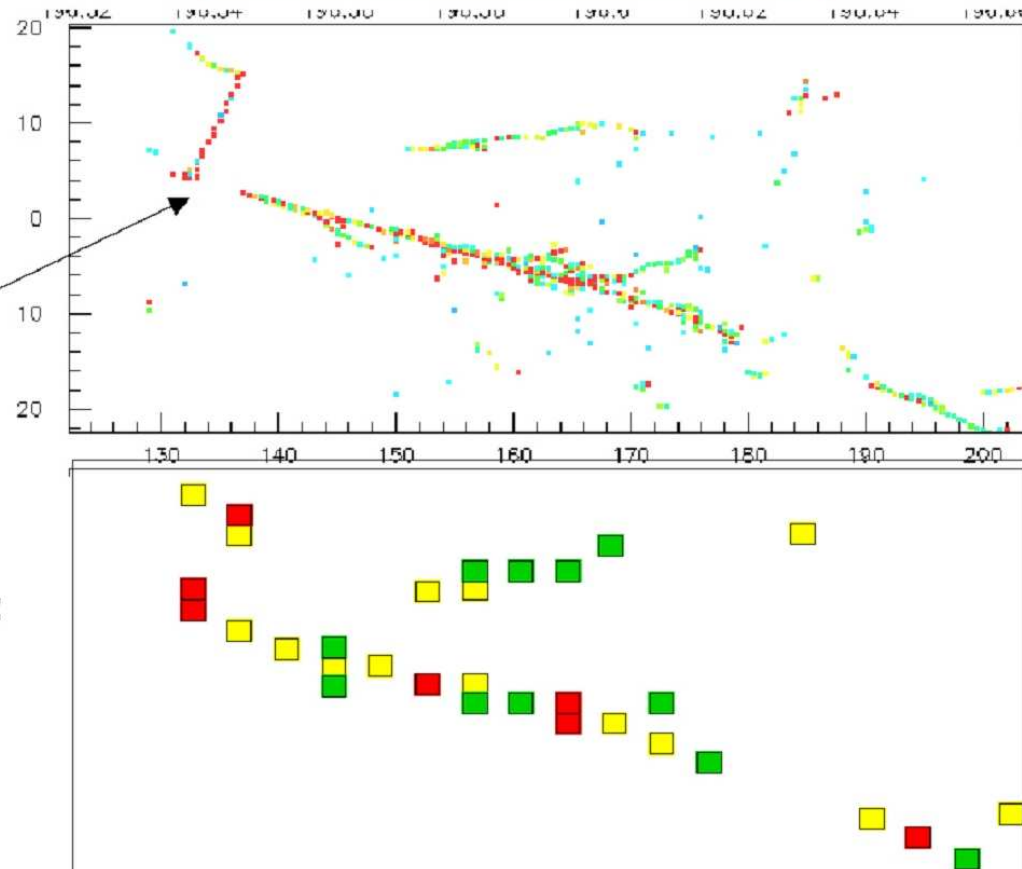
Neutral current event with 1 GeV  $\pi^0$



3.5%  $X_0$  samples  
in all 3 views

4 cm gap

12%  $X_0$  samples  
alternating x-y



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signal efficiency

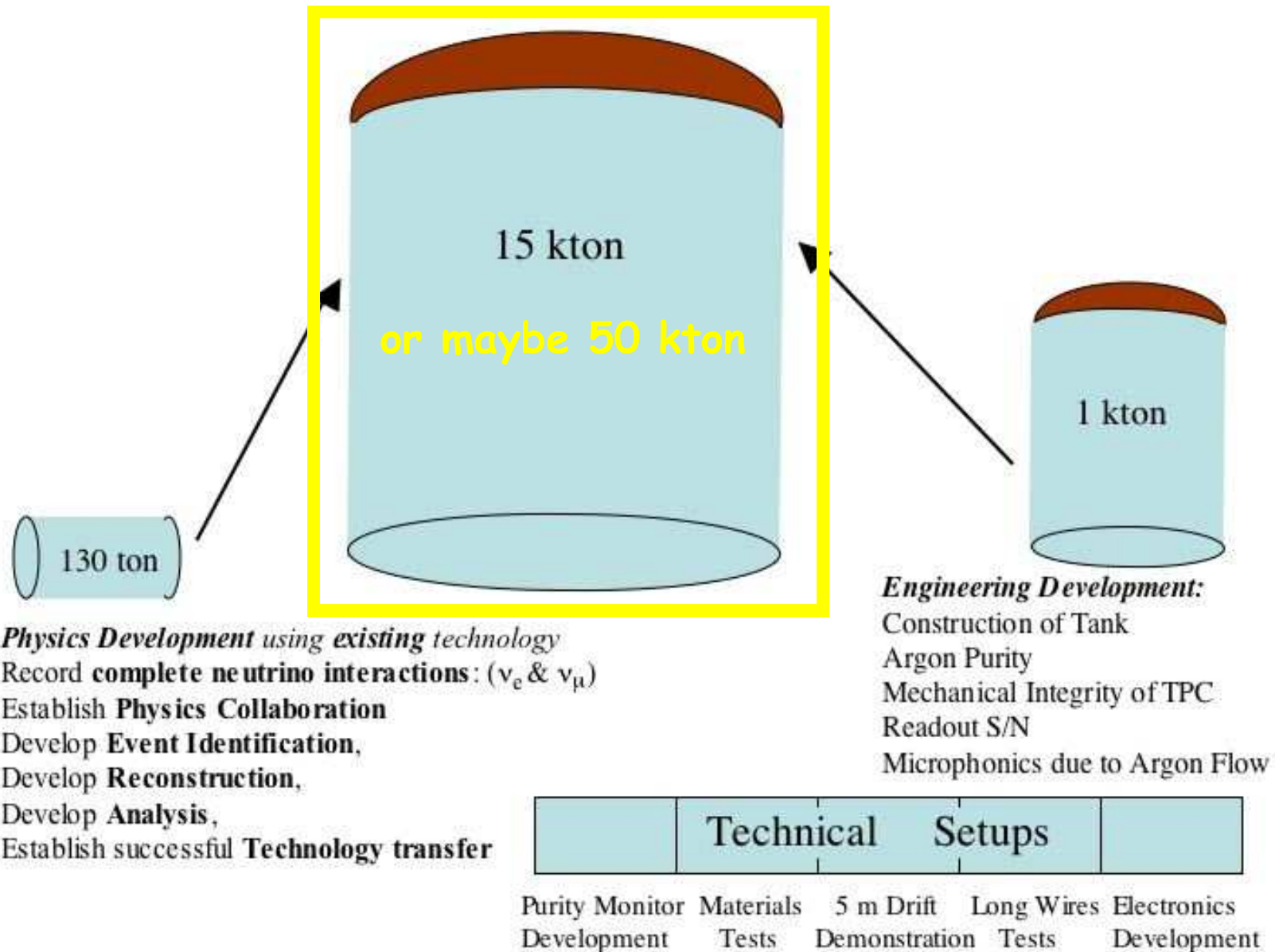
background rejection

Event Type		N	pass	$\epsilon$	$\eta$
NC		290	4	-	$0.99 \pm 0.01$
signal $\nu_e$	CC	32	26	$0.81 \pm 0.07$	-
Beam $\nu_e$	CC	24	14	$0.58 \pm 0.10$	-
Beam $\nu_e$	NC	8	0	-	/
Beam $\bar{\nu}_e$	CC	13	10	$0.77 \pm 0.09$	-
Beam $\bar{\nu}_e$	NC	19	0	-	/
$\nu_\mu$	CC	32	0	-	/
$\bar{\nu}_\mu$	CC	32	1	-	/

+ factor of 6 rejection on NC background from energy pre-selection  $\Rightarrow$  **99.8% NC rejection efficiency**

**Good signal efficiency ( $81 \pm 7$ )%**

# NuMI LAr TPC overview





# A 15 –50 kton LAr Detector

## Basic concept follows ICARUS:

TPC, drift ionization electrons to 3 sets of wires (2 induction, 1 collection)  
record signals on all wires with continuous waveform digitizing electronics

## Differences aimed at making a multi-kton detector feasible

Construction of detector tank using industrial LNG tank as basic structure  
Long(er) signal wires  
Single device (not modular)

## Basic parameters:

Drift distance - 3 meters; Drift field - 500 V/cm (gives  $v_{\text{drift}} = 1.5$  m/ms)

High Voltage 150 kV

Wire planes - 3 (+/-30° and vertical); wire spacing 5 mm; plane spacing 5 mm

Number of signal channels ~ 100,000 (15kt), 220,000 (50kt)

# A 15 –50 kton LAr Detector

## Some Specific challenges:

### 3 m drift in LAr

- purification - starting from atmosphere (cannot evacuate detector tank)
- effect of tank walls & non-clean-room assembly process

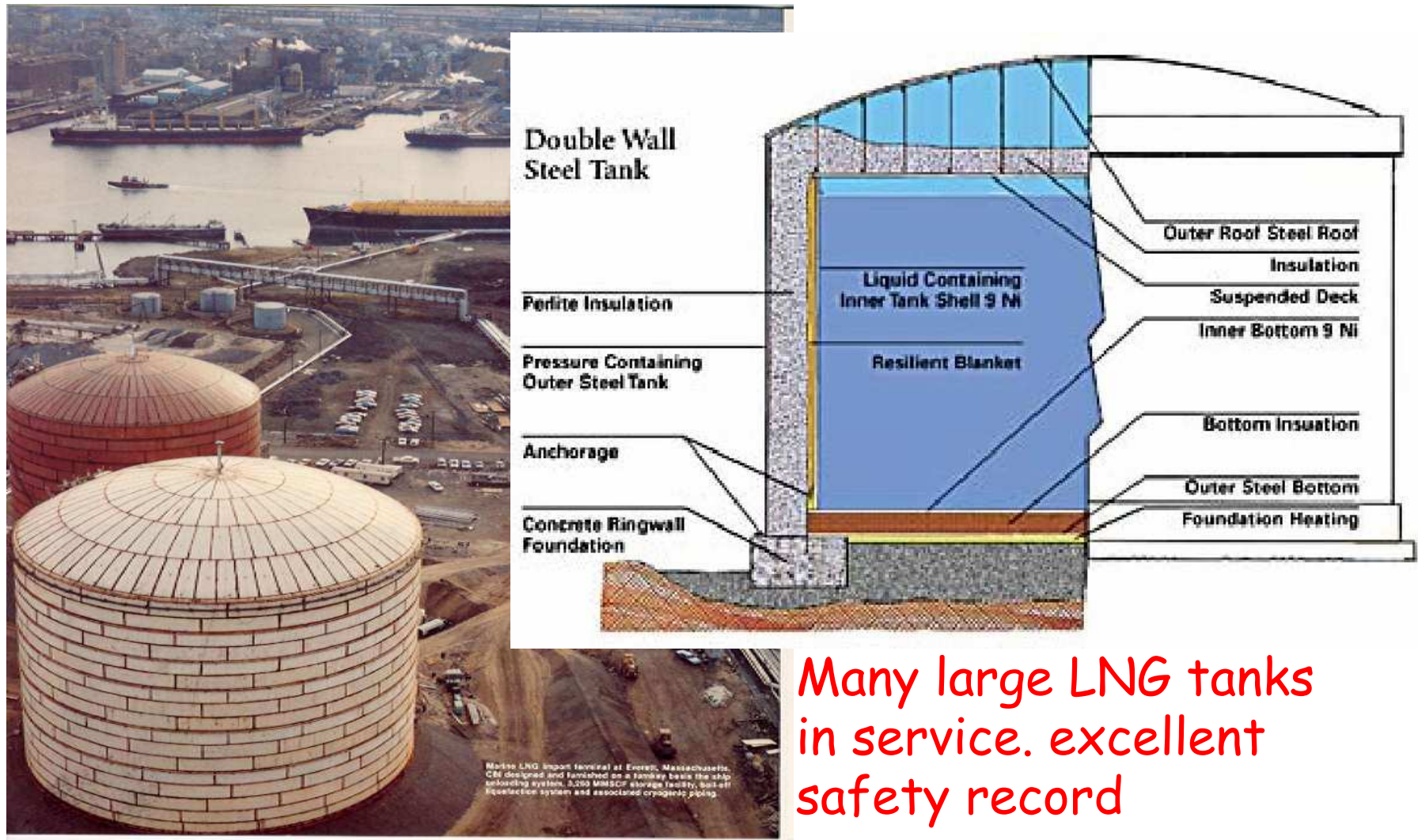
### Wire-planes:

- long wires - mechanical robustness, tensioning, assembly, breakage/failure

### Signal processing:

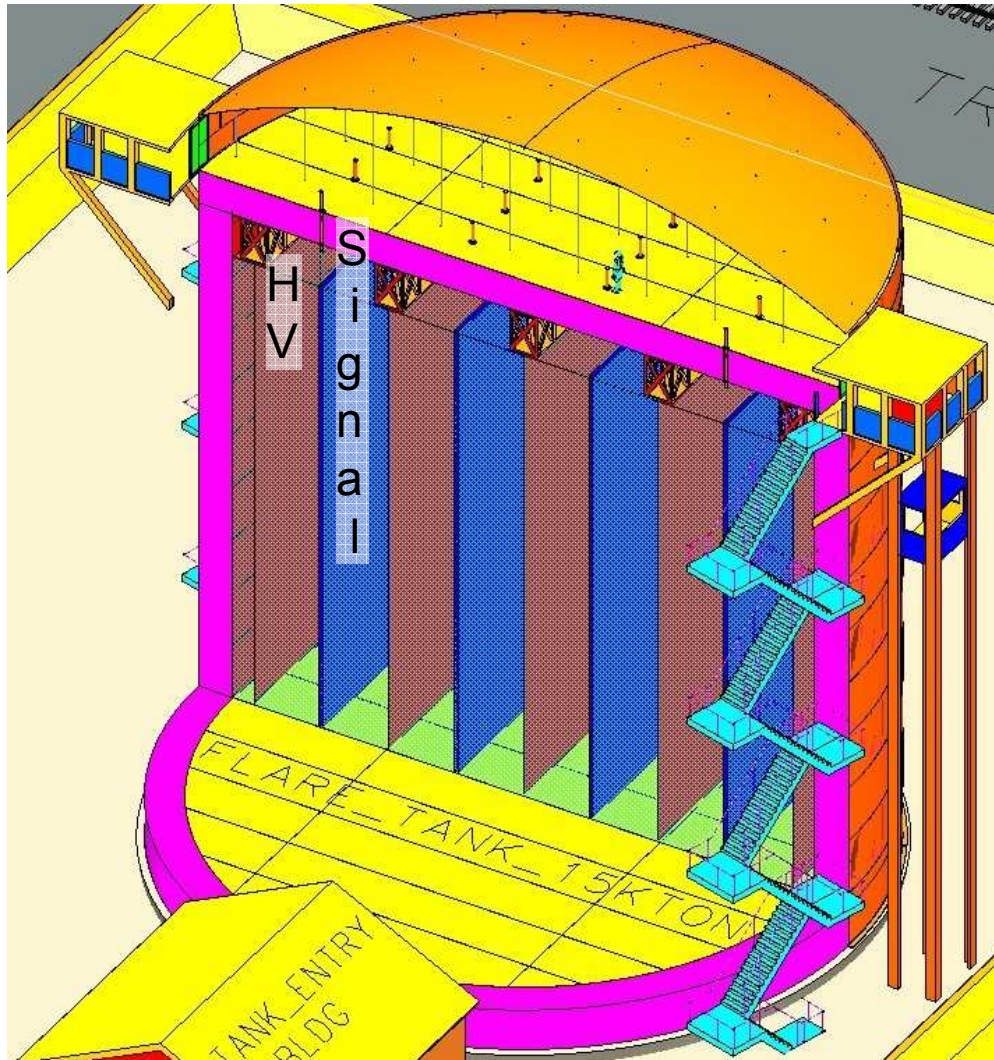
- electronics - noise due to long wire and connection cables (large capacitance)
- surface detector - data-rates,
  - automated cosmic ray rejection
  - automated event recognition and reconstruction

# Detector Tank based on Industrial Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) storage tanks





# The large LAr TPC: a sketch



3D 'Model' cutaway  
15 kt detector

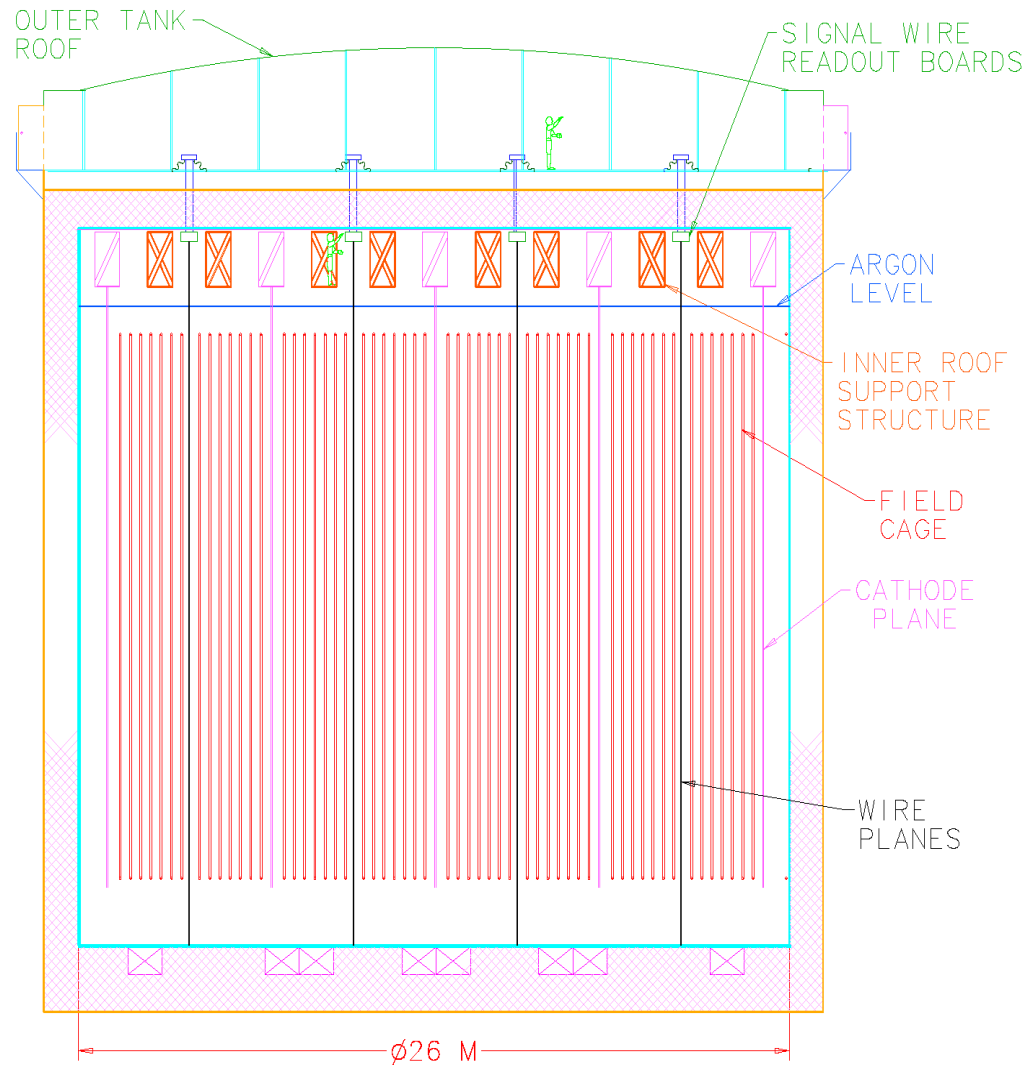
Inner tank dimensions  
26 m  $\varnothing$ , 21 m height

Changes from standard LNG tank:

- inner tank wall thickness increased
  - LAr is 2 x density of LNG;
- trusses in inner tank to take load of the wires;
- penetrations for signals from inner tank to floor supported from roof of outer tank.

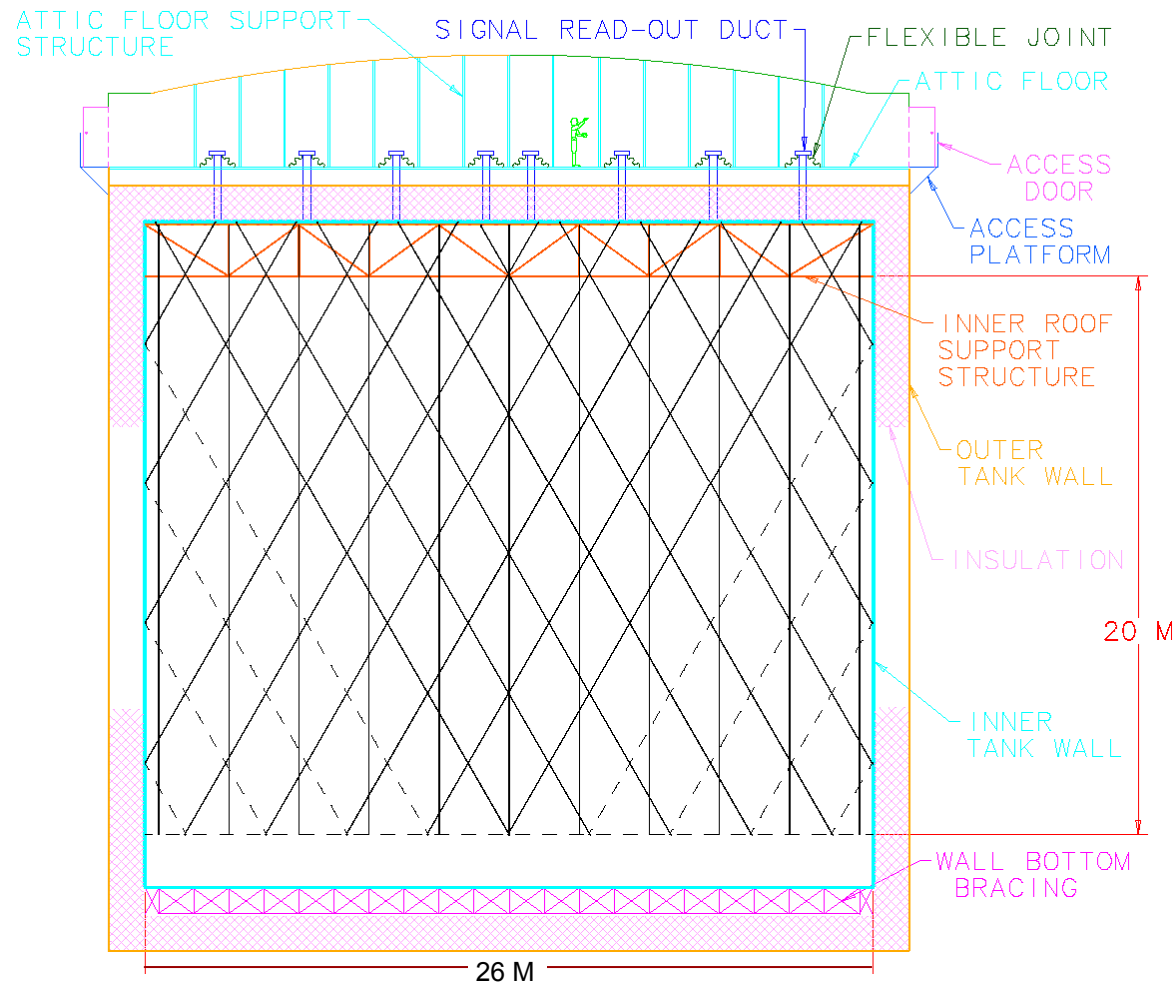


# The large LAr TPC: Beam's Eye View



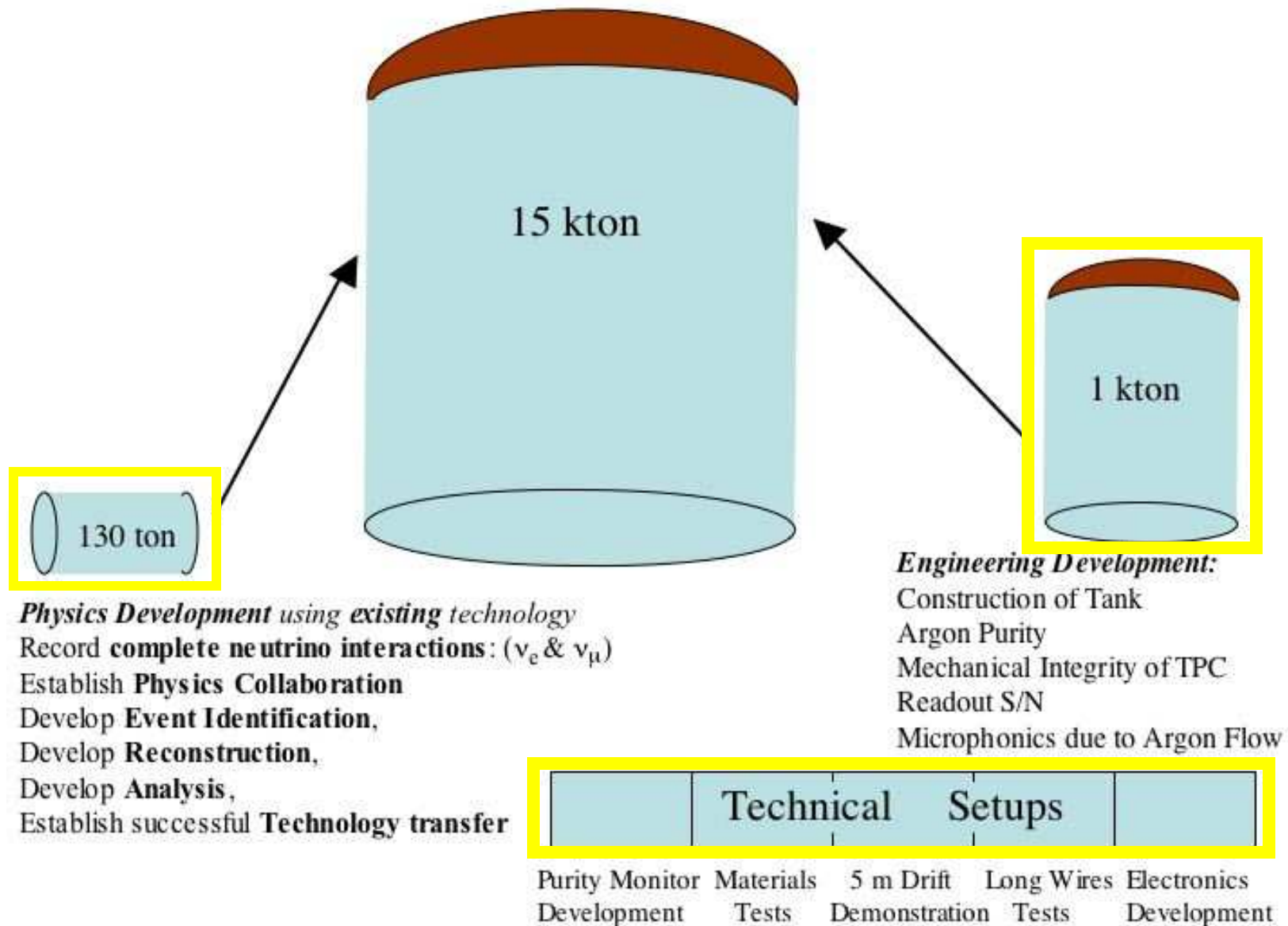
**Beam's eye view  
showing the electrodes  
(cathode, field-cage  
and wires)**

# The large LAr TPC: side view



side view: showing trusses & signal chimneys:  
only wires reaching the top (solid lines) are read out.

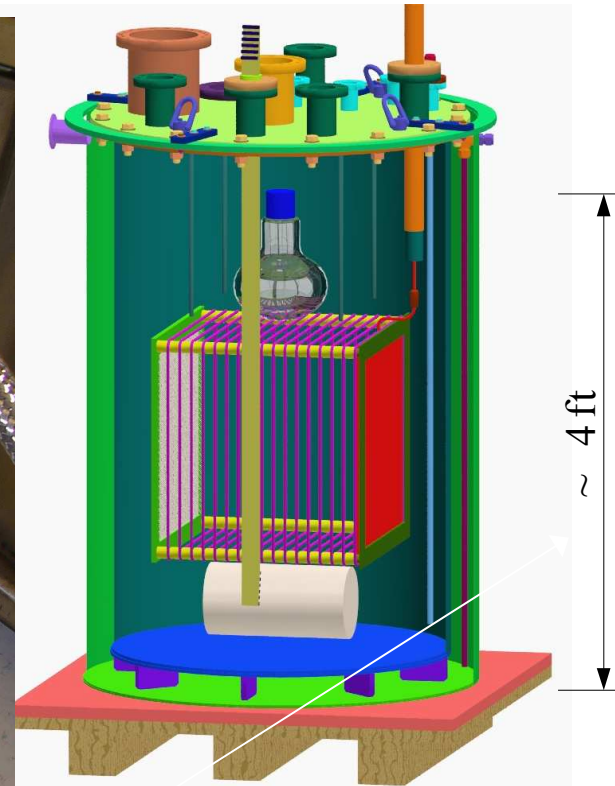
# The R&D path



# LAr TPC Test Setup @ Yale



Purity monitor in liquid argon

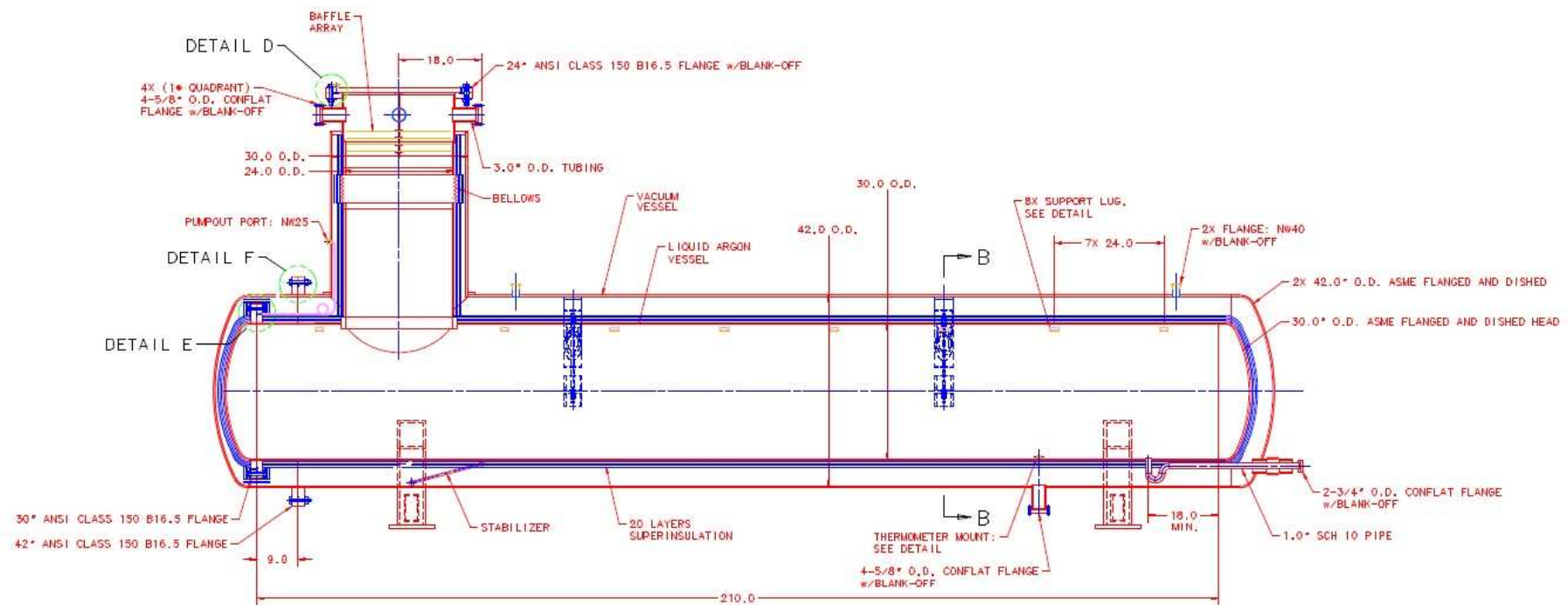


Purity and light collection



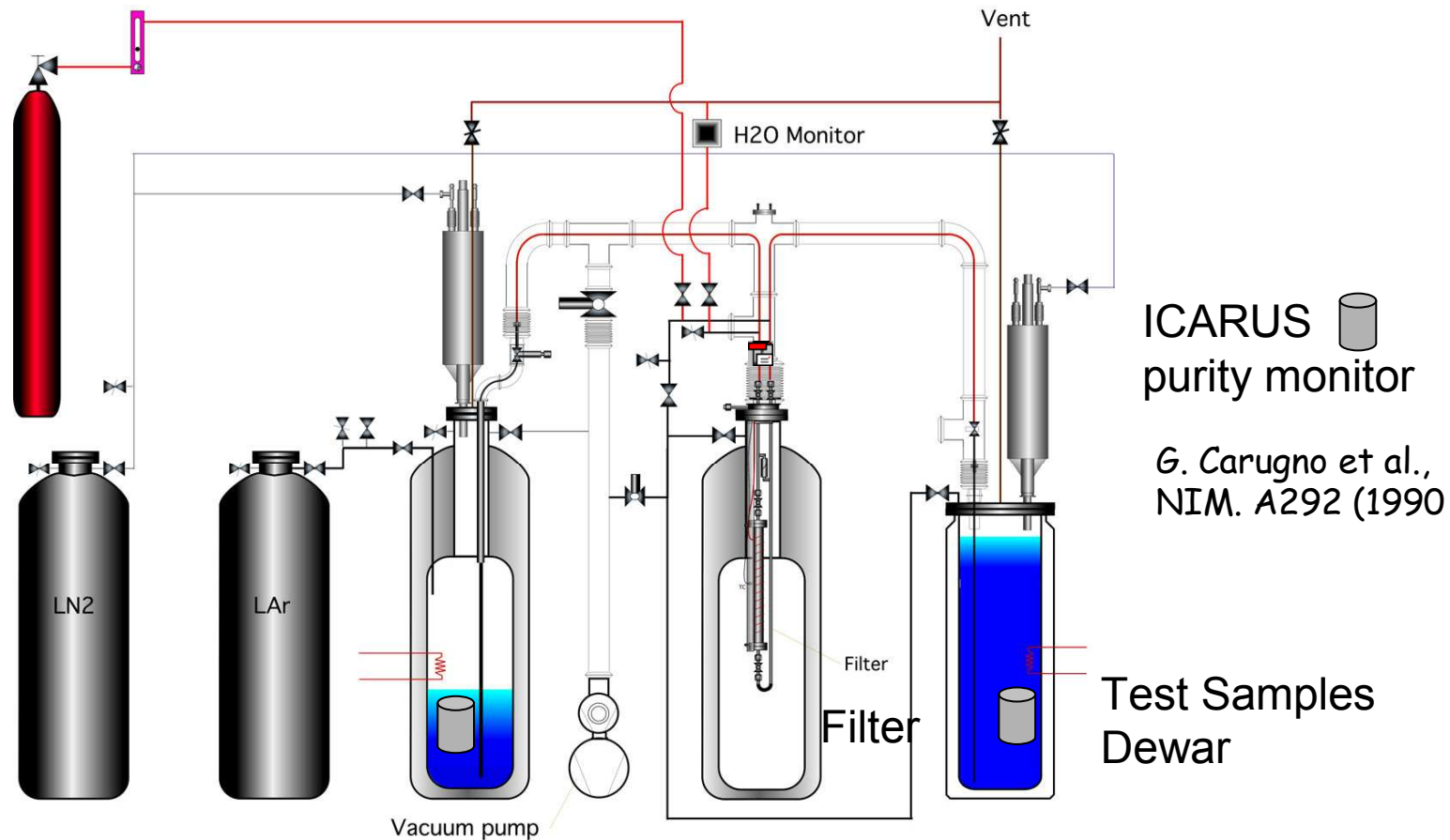
# 5 m Drift Demonstration at Fermilab

Cryostat drawing for purchasing department



# Material tests

**System at Fermilab for testing filter materials and the contaminating effects of detector materials (e.g. tank-walls, cables)**



# Material tests

setup for lifetime measurements (effect of materials and effectiveness of different filters) under assembly at Fermilab



# Long wires tests

- **Wire Planes:**

- Induction (2 +/- 30) and Collection Planes spaced by 5 m
- 5mm pitch within planes
- ~220,000 signal wires total (50 kTon), ~100,000 signal wires (15 kTon)
- Longest wire ~35 meters (50 kTon) , ~ 23 meters (15 kTon)

- Need to be robust - no breakages
- Need practical assembly and installation procedure.

- Wire Material 150 micron Stainless Steel

- **Present Concept: (different from ICARUS)**

- Tension implemented by attaching a weight to each wire (~1kg) to avoid tension changes due to temperature changes.
- Looking for alternative simpler ways



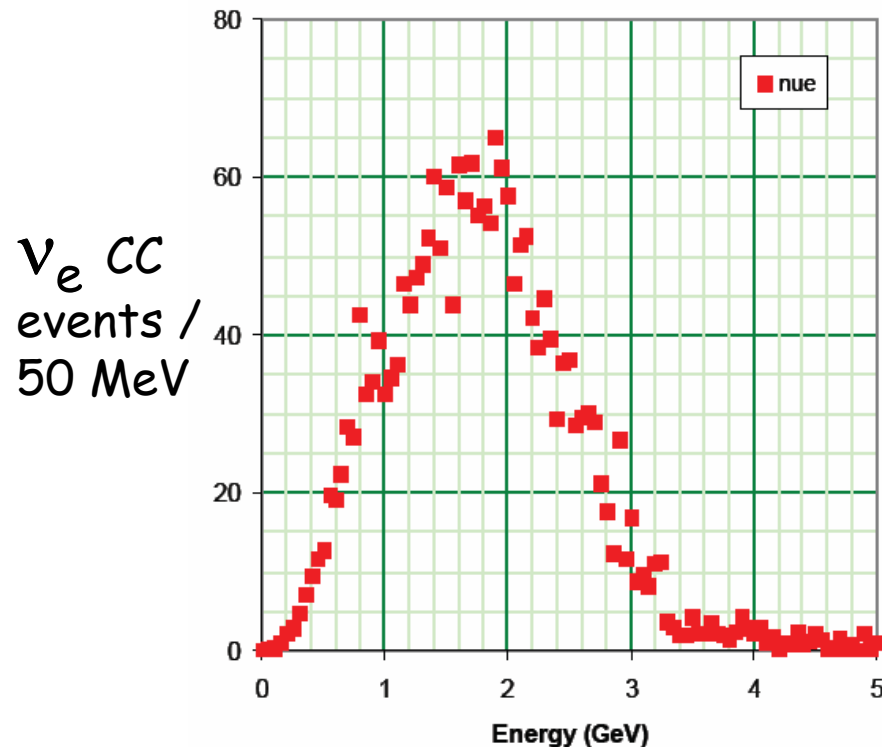
# The Purposes of the “130 ton” detector (50 ton fiducial)

- ❖ **Physics development using existing technology**
  - **Establish successful technology transfer**
  - **Record complete neutrino interactions ( $\nu_\mu$  and  $\nu_e$ ) in the presence of cosmic rays**
  - Establish physics collaboration by:
    - Developing event identification
    - Developing reconstruction
    - Developing analysis
  - **Measure  $\nu$  interactions in the quasi-elastic and resonance region (?)**

Where to find 2 GeV  
electrons ?

# Electron Neutrinos in MINOS Surface Building

From the NOvA Proposal March 15, 2005



- The charged current  $\nu_e$  event spectrum in the MINOS surface building.
- The  $\nu_e$  event spectrum peaks just below 2 GeV.
- There are  $\sim 2,000$   $\nu_e$  events shown here for  $6.5E20$  POT and the 20.4 ton fiducial mass NOvA near detector.

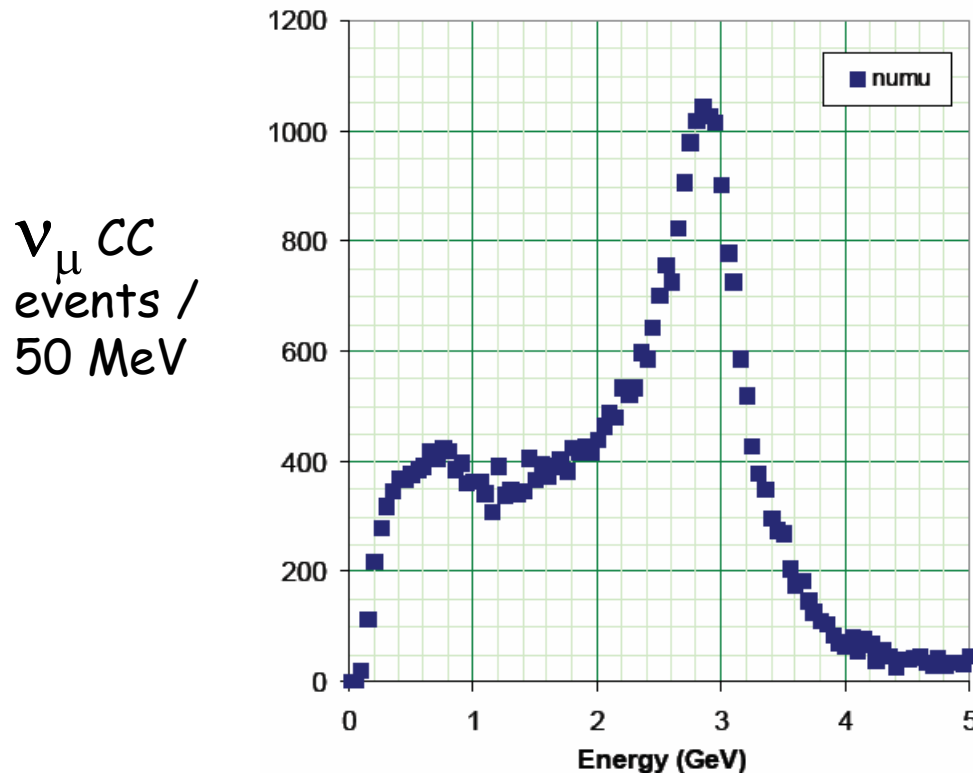
NuMI is presently providing  $\sim 2E20$  POT per year.

The 130 ton LArTPC has a 50 ton fiducial mass.

→ the LAr TPC detector would get  $\sim 1500$   $\nu_e$  events / year.

# Muon Neutrinos in MINOS Surface Building

From the NOvA Proposal March 15, 2005



- Same assumptions as previous slide, except this shows ~15,000 muon neutrinos.
- The  $\nu_\mu$  peak at ~2.8 GeV is from Kaon decay.

→ the LAr TPC detector would get ~11000  $\nu_\mu$  events / year.

# The Purposes of the “1 kton” tank

## ❖ Engineering Development to demonstrate scalability to large tank

- Construction of tank with the same techniques to be used with the large tank
- Demonstrate argon purity with the same techniques to be used with the large tank
- Mechanical integrity of TPC
- Readout signal / noise
- Microphonics due to argon flow
- Uncover whatever surprises there may be



# Conclusions

- ❖ We need larger and more efficient detectors to fully exploit the physics opportunities made available by the NuMI neutrino line
- ❖ Impressive results from the ICARUS T300 prototype
- ❖ We have an R&D plan to demonstrate scalability of LAr technology for tens of kton detectors
  - Receiving generous support for technology transfer from experts in Europe
  - Receiving support from Fermilab, both in engineering and with recently increased funding
  - Growing support from University groups in smaller technical setups, software efforts, ...
- ❖ Beginning a study to fully understand all the physics capabilities offered by a tens of kton LAr detector, maybe in conjunction with the NoVA detector

Would like to develop our efforts with wider participation



# Main Injector & NuMI

❖ Main Injector is a rapid cycling (up to 204 GeV/c/s) accelerator at 120 GeV

➤ from 8 to 120 GeV/c in  $\sim 1.5$  s

❖ up to 6 proton batches ( $\sim 5 \times 10^{12}$  p/batch) are successively injected from Booster into Main Injector

❖ Main Injector has to satisfy simultaneously the needs of the Collider program (anti-proton stacking and transfers to the Tevatron) and NuMI

❖ total beam intensity  $\sim 3 \times 10^{13}$  ppp, cycle length 2 s

❖ Mixed mode: NuMI & anti-proton stacking

➤ two single turn extractions within  $\sim 1$  ms:

- 1 batch to the anti-proton target, following the firing of the MI52 kicker
- 5 batches to NuMI, following the firing of the NuMI kickers, in  $\sim 8$   $\mu$ s

➤ the batch extracted to the anti-proton target comes from

- either a single Booster batch
- or the merging of two Booster batches (“slip-stacking”) (up to  $0.8 \times 10^{13}$  ppp)

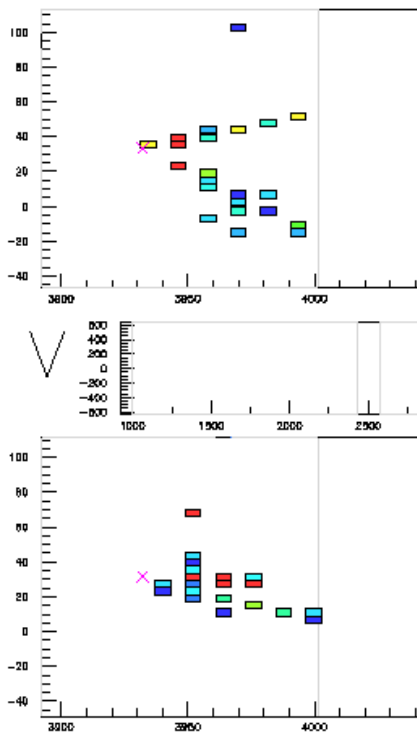
➤ *the default mode of operation is mixed-mode with slip-stacking*

❖ NuMI only

➤ up to 6 Booster batches extracted to NuMI in  $\sim 10$   $\mu$ s

# $\nu_e$ Interactions in MINOS ?

## NC interaction



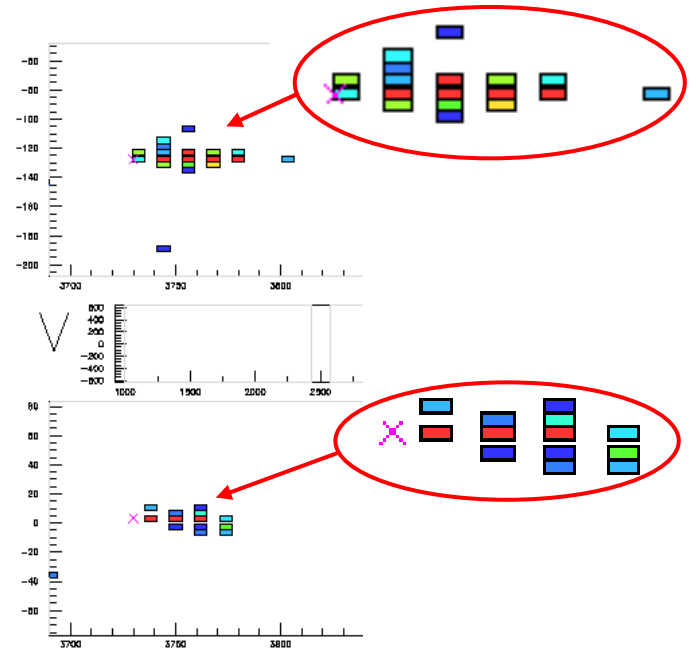
energy

## Detector Granularity:

- Longitudinal:  $1.5X_0$
- Transverse:  $\sim R_M$

- NC interactions
  - energy distributed over a 'large' volume
- $\nu_e$  CC interactions (low  $y$ )
  - electromagnetic shower short and narrow
  - most of the energy in a narrow cluster

## $\nu_e$ CC, $E_{\text{tot}} = 3 \text{ GeV}$



# NoVA cost



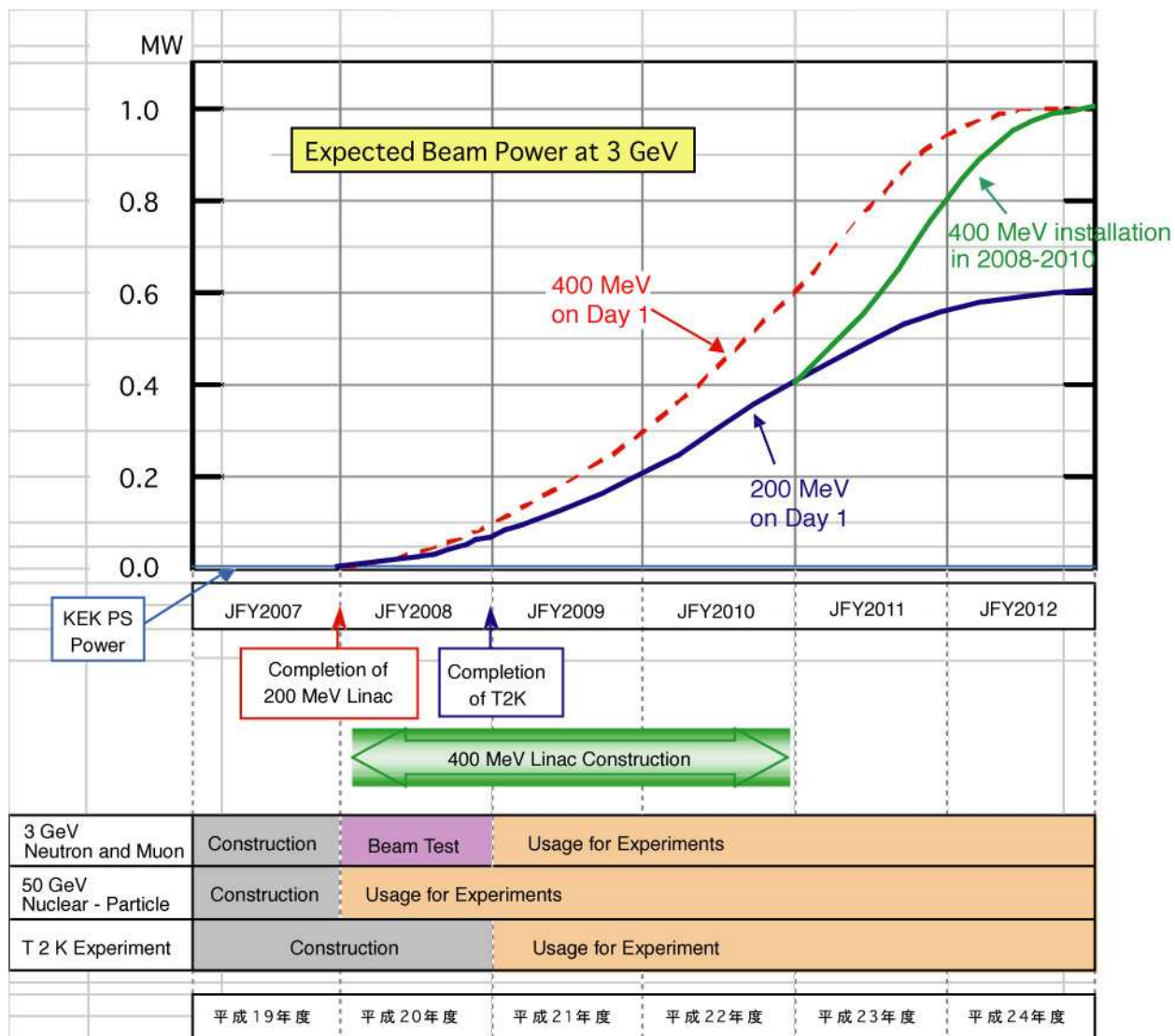
## Cost



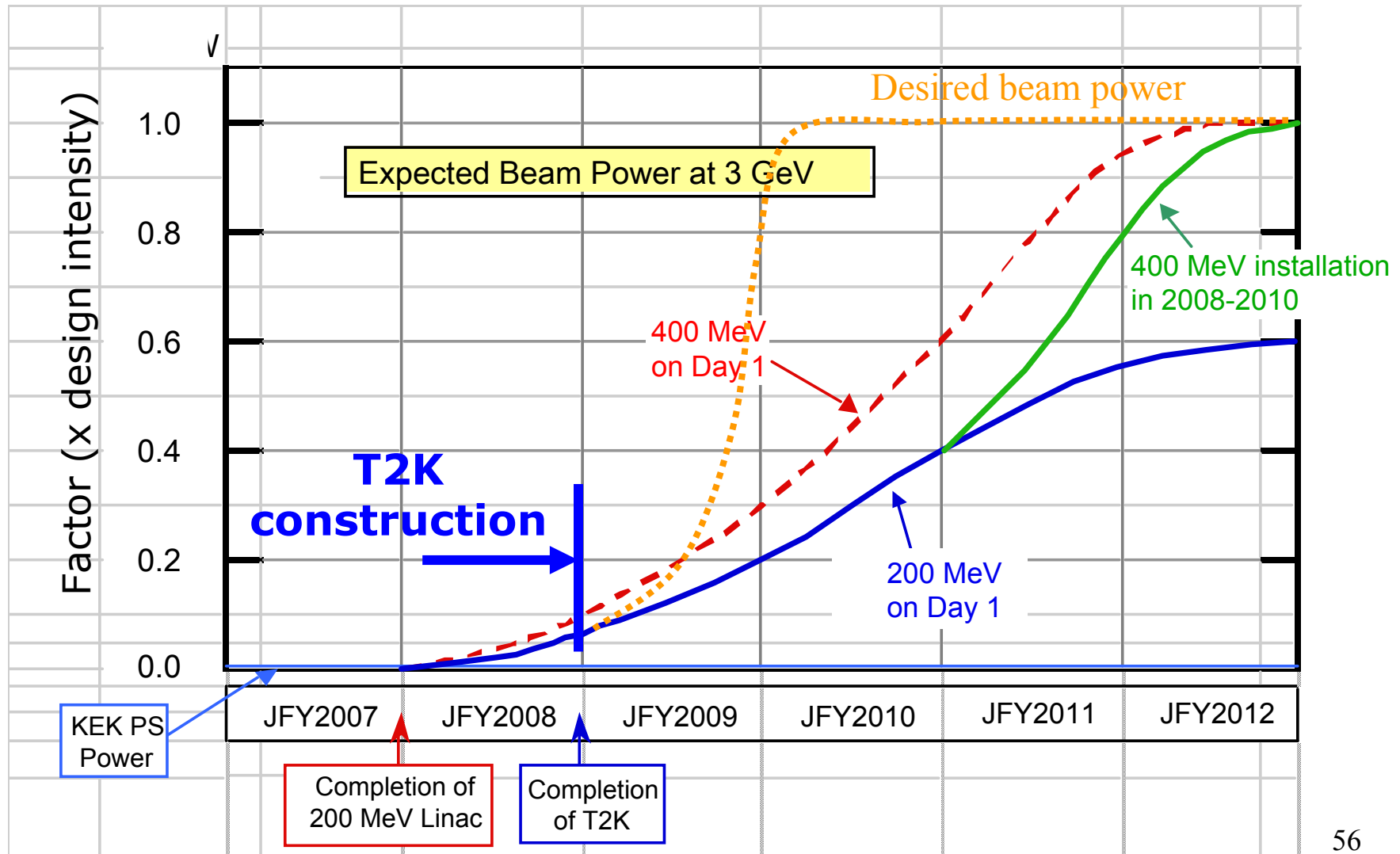
	Contingency	Total Cost M\$
Far Detector		
Active detector	30%	80
Electronics and DAQ	55%	13
Shipping	21%	7
Installation	43%	14
Near Detector	44%	3
Building and outfitting	58%	29
Project management	25%	5
Additional contingency		14
<b>Total</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>165</b>



# T2K power curve

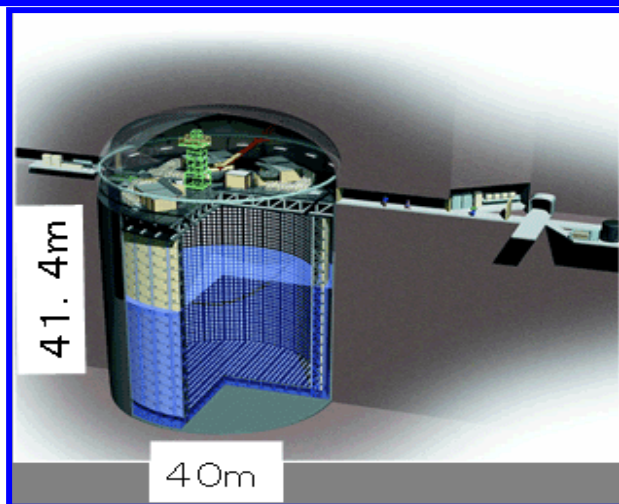


# T2K Expected Beam Power



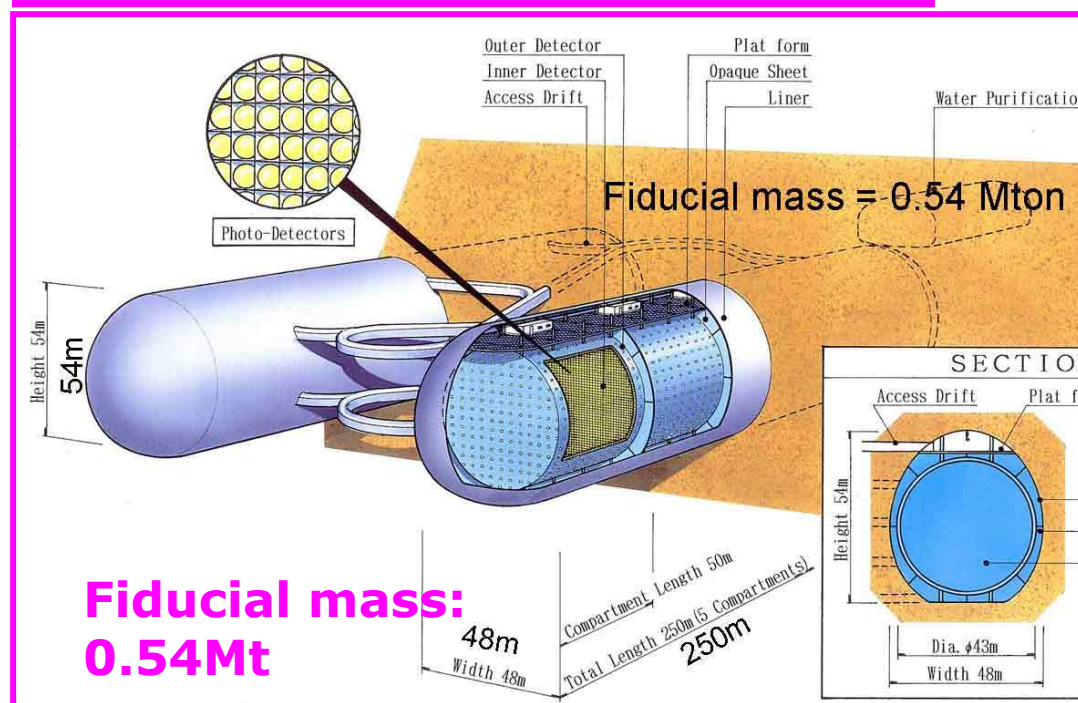
# Hyper-Kamiokande

## Super-Kamiokande (50kt, 11000 PMT's)



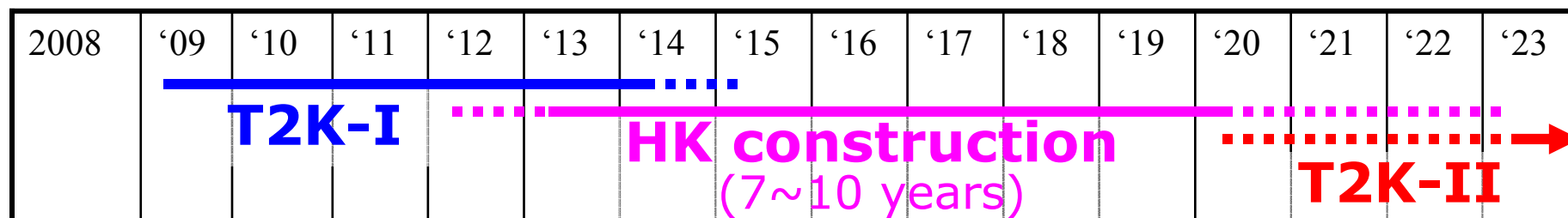
Fiducial mass: 22.5kt

## Hyper-Kamiokande (~1Mt, ~ 200000 photo-sensors)



Fiducial mass:  
0.54Mt

•Not official, Not approved



# Possible future reactor $\theta_{13}$ experiments

## General characteristics:

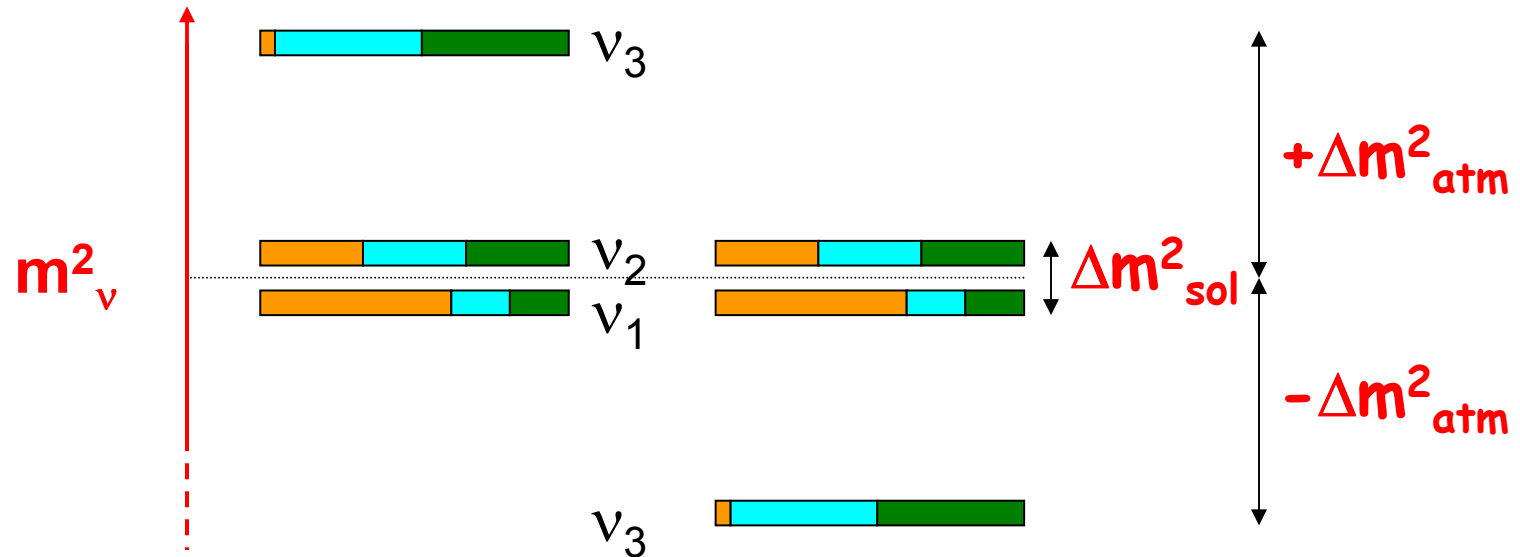
- 2 (or more) detectors: 1 near ( $< \sim 0.5$  km), 1 far ( $\sim 1$ -2 km)
- Liquid scintillator (detection by inverse  $\beta$  decay)
- Overhead shielding required
- Goal is  $\sim 1\%$  uncertainty
- Can be adapted for a  $\sin^2\theta_W$  measurement, or an improved  $\theta_{12}$  measurement

Experiment	Where	Baseline (km)		Overburden (m.w.e.)		Detector size (t)		$\sin^2(2\theta_{13})$ Sensitivity (90% C.L.)
		Near	Far	Near	Far	Near	Far	
Angra dos Reis	Brazil	0.3	1.5	200	1700	50	500	$< \sim 0.01$
Braidwood	US	0.27	1.51	450	450	65x2	65x2	$< \sim 0.01$
Double Chooz	France	0.2	1.05	50	300	10	10	$< \sim 0.03$
Daya Bay	China	0.3	1.8-2.2	300	1100	50	100	$< \sim 0.01$
Diablo Canyon	US	0.4	1.7	150	750	50	100	$< \sim 0.01$
KASKA	Japan	0.4	1.8	100	500	8	8	$< \sim 0.02$
Kr2Det (Krasnoyarsk)	Russia	0.1	1.0	600	600	50	50	$< \sim 0.03$



# Our knowledge

(flavors =  $e$   $\mu$   $\tau$ )



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Training samples:

50 events each of  $\nu_e$ CC,  $\nu_\mu$ CC and NC

- individual samples to train
- mixed samples to test training

Blind scan of 450 events  
scored from 1-5 with

- signal=5
- background=1

open region:  
students  
hatched  
region:  
+ experts

